Reviewer's report

**Title:** Medical students' personal choice for mode of delivery in Santa Catarina, Brazil: a cross-sectional quantitative study.

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**Reviewer:** Katri Nieminen

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Dear Authors,

Your article is dealing with an interesting and important question in Obstetrics. I think you have an important point in showing that the attitudes change during the studies, but also that the preference when dealing with oneself differs from common recommendation.

I find your message important, but would recommend you A Major Compulsory Revision (In order to facilitate for the readers to get your message) by using the division of the text into sections: Background, Material/methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusions (in this order). At the same time when using these sections, I would recommend you to consider once again which parts belong to background/results/discussion. If possible shorten or simplify descriptions in the background. Try to avoid repetitions (for example at the end conclusions are already mentioned in results and could therefore be dropped at the end). It is good to have the results in tables, as you have done and only shortly resume in text. It would be interesting if you had a table with a summary of motivations behind the choice of mode of delivery. You have nice conclusions, that in my opinion start already from the end of discussion, with: “The present study provides some insight into the probable (would prefer possible) effect ....”

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.