Reviewer's report

Title: Critical views on postpartum care expressed by new mothers

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The questionnaires were distributed 7-8 years ago. Is there any evidence that the model of care or hospital-based care have improved.

The data were taken from two questionnaires. Is there a chance that the same responses were in each of the questionnaires could have been duplicated and therefore, give greater weight to some themes over others.

The definition of ‘positive’ and negative’ comments requires clarification. How was it determined that they were positive or negative?

The maternity hotel requires further clarification. It seems that this was not just for postnatal women but this is not clear.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'