Reviewer's report

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I am pleased to see that the authors have responded to my remarks in such detail and have made necessary adjustments accordingly. However, some of the changes have not been carried through, throughout the manuscript.

1) the term 'reports of parturition' has been changed in 'birth registration forms', but not throughout the text: see page 7, line 13 and line 14, and page 11, line 2 and line 5

2) the term 'maternity care' has been changed in 'maternity care assistance', but again, not consistently, see page 12, line 5, page 13, line 6, and the tables 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

One last remark: on page 11, line 12: employment is mentioned as one of the factors in table 3 but there are no data about employment in that table.

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