Reviewer's report

Title: Birth in Brazil: national survey into labour and birth

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The protocol describes an important study to determine the reasons for and the consequences of excessive use of CS for childbirth.

The design and analysis plan of the study appear appropriate.

It was not clear to me from reading the report at what stage the study is. Judging from the tenses used, it appears that the data collection has been done, but the analysis has yet to be done. It is important to clarify the time period of the study.

There are also several minor grammatical errors which should be corrected.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interest known