Reviewer’s report

Title: Women’s experience of unplanned out-of-hospital birth in paramedic care

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Reviewer: David A. Wampler

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for your work describing a birth mother's experience perception of the unexpected OOH birthing experience. This work hold the potential to provide valuable information to paramedic providers.

General comments:

Throughout the paper, the word "data" is used and is conjugated with the plural sense. The word datum is singular, the word data is plural, please conjugate accordingly.

In the results section it would be very helpful, and increase the generalizabiity, if the authors would describe what the porportion of respondents reporting positive/neutral/negative comment. The authors too often use vague descriptions such as "some women".

Were there incidents of delivery complications?

What was the time tinterval between delivery and birth, were there differences in perceptions if that interval was longer versus if the interview was immediately after the delivery?

Please add a table that describes the demographics of the respondents age, urban/rural/remote, socio-economic, 1st time delivery/multiple deliveries, education, pregnancy care, previous out-of-hospital deliveries etc...
Please describe the setting where the interview took place.

The vast majority of the conclusion is commentary and not supported by the data presented in the paper. They are probably correct, but should be moved to the discussion.

Specific comments:

Page 5 - "birth stories were a reliable and credible form of data" - was this somehow measured? how did the team validate reliability/credibility?

Page 6 "as interviews progressed, ongoing analysis of the data occurred...." what did this ongoing analysis involve?

Are the methods appropriate and well described?

If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

No

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