Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Knowledge of Pelvic Floor Disorders in Women Seeking Primary Care: A Cross-sectional Study

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1. In the method section, it stated that "Combined forward and backward stepwise regression was used to select of the final model, with p-value < 0.05 defining the criteria for inclusion." If p value was used as the selection criteria in the stepwise regression, should "Internet for information" be removed from the final model by the stepwise process given that the p was 0.72 and 0.60 (Table 3)?

2. Given that the sample size for age 18-29 was only 21 (it would even be smaller after list-wise deletion in the multivariate analysis), it might not be suitable to be used as the reference group in the regression analysis (Tables 2 and 3). The insignificant results might partly due to the small sample size in this group. By looking at the OR for PIKQ-UI, they were quite different between 50-59 and >=80 and I wonder if the difference between these two groups was statistically significant. I would suggest using 50-59 as the reference group given that the sample size was the largest and the rank of its OR tended to be the lowest among all the age groups.

3. P.12 line 24 - "the magnitude was similar to that of lower educational attainment (OR: 3.58 vs. 3.18)". The OR for education was 3.24 in Table 3. Please confirm.

4. Table 1 footnote - please change "Student's t-test or Wilcoxon rank-sum test" to "ANOVA or Kruskal-Wallis test" as the comparison was for more than two groups.

5. Table 2 footnote - "Bivariate analysis was conducted on demographic/medical history variables with a significantly difference between proficient and non-proficient groups." What was "significantly difference" referring to? Did this mean variables were pre-selected to be included in the bivariate analysis based on some criteria?

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