Reviewer's report

Title: Victorian Paramedics' Encounters and Management of Labouring Women: An Epidemiological Study

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Reviewer: Wendy Pollock

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Minor Essential Revisions
1. Please correct the multiple typographical/grammar errors throughout e.g.
   a. Line 72 – insert ‘a’ after require
   b. Line 89 – full stop not comma
   c. Line 107 – full top after cues. And then a space
   d. Line 108 – omit full stop after ‘but’
   e. Multiple examples of data ‘was’ instead of data ‘were’ (data is pleural)
   f. Etc. throughout
2. The aim of the study needs to be re-stated more precisely
3. Data analysis section in the methods needs to re-written to encompass all the ‘data analysis plan’ in one place
4. Edit the manuscript to improve readability – needs to be more succinct
5. At present there is no mention or reference to fetal assessment – this needs to be acknowledged somewhere in the manuscript, even if it is in a statement to not include ‘fetal assessment’ in the study (preferably with a rationale for why)
6. Move the ‘ethics’ element to the methods section

Discretionary Revisions
1. Re-work the tables

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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'