Reviewer’s report

Title: Women's Satisfaction with Intrapartum Care in St Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College Addis Ababa Ethiopia: A Cross Sectional Study

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Quality intrapartum care is extremely important for healthy mothers and infants. Understanding women's satisfaction with the care received between the time contractions begin and delivery is an important metric for quality improvement in clinical practice. As such the topic of this study is very important to MCH research. However, the study suffers from a variety of flaws in composition, form, format, logic, and other methodological issues.

General suggestions include:

- A careful rewrite with particular attention to the composition and organization by the form and format of scientific articles: i.e. IMRaD

- A careful rewrite with attention to grammar, spelling and punctuation indicated of technical writing: consistent spacing, capitalization (i.e. World Health Organization- WHO), paragraph consistency in terms of tense, theme and topic, clear thesis statements, subject verb agreement, avoid the passive voice, etc.

- A clearer articulation of problem under investigation and the research questions to be answered: more context, better organization of the literature: Descriptive, Relational, Evaluative, Causal/Explanatory or Exploratory Research.

- Is the study evaluation research of hospital service delivery?:

- The methodology needs more details and organized in accordance with the empirical research process: Conceptualization, Operationalization, Hypotheses, Data Collection Methods and Analytic techniques.

Specific areas of confusion in the Methods include:

- It seemed that the authors triangulated the methodology with qualitative information from patients.
- More details about measurement and instrumentation: i.e. the 14 Likert Scale questions and the rationale for collapsing the outcome satisfaction variable into the binary of Satisfied vs. Not Satisfied:

- More details about the decision to use Nurses as data collectors.

- More details about instrumentation: was a questionnaire or interview used to collect the data? what is the context of this study?

- More details about the timing of data collection and bias: how soon after delivery? were participants compensated for their time and effort?

- More details and explanation of the "3 dimension of intrapartum care sub-scale": i.e. sociometric, psychometric rationale and implications.

With a careful rewrite that expands the discussion of methods with specific details and rationale, and rerunning the analysis with a poly-chotomous vs. dichotomous satisfaction variable, this study has the potential to make an important contribution to MCH research.

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No

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