Reviewer’s report

Title: Why some women choose a childbirth setting against medical advice in the Netherlands: A qualitative analysis

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The study is very interesting and relevant in terms of scope and substance. However, the researchers only relied on what clients told them. It would have been a good idea to speak to some health providers as a means of triangulating some of the responses from clients but this opportunity was missed.

A mere listing of the sampling techniques and other limitations is enough. Including quality control or methods used in minimizing the effects of the limitations is critical. For instance, sampling only certain nationally known advocates or famous "cases" seems problematic. Adding justification for using only this group people in the study could improve the paper.

The conclusion could be revised to make it better than as it is now.

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