Reviewer’s report

Title: Online reported women's experiences of symptomatic pelvic organ prolapse after vaginal birth

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Reviewer: Victor Ngozi Chilaka

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I think that the paper is submitted in good faith, and addresses a contentious issue in our everyday life.

The information however is collected from a chat forum that is likely to consist of opinionated group who already have a position on the issue being discussed and therefore does not represent public opinion.

Childbirth is a natural process and the percentage of women who develop major pelvic floor damage is small. From this small group a small percentage will need secondary surgery and these were not reflected in the paper. There is therefore a tacit hint in the paper childbirth is not safe and that can misinform women.

In the analysis, all forms of surgery for pelvic organ prolapse has been lumped together and analysed. There are more than 20 types of operations for pelvic organ prolapse. These operations often reflect the type of injury sustained and so cannot be treated as one.

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