Reviewer's report

Title: Factors influencing the decision that women make on their mode of delivery: the Health Belief Model.

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Reviewer: Mercedes Colomar

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   Yes. The question is clear and well defined.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   Methods seem appropriate. Some concerns are: that it is not clear whether part C of the questionnaire refers to VB and part D to CD, or if there are no differences, and so why there are 2 different parts.

   I would like to have a deeper description of the analysis of the factors performed and reliability. You did not mention the description of the statistical package used for determining the content validity.

   When assessing reliability you are only presenting one Cronbach’s alpha result. Considering that the instrument was conceived as multidimensional, (since you are assessing five domains of two different practices) shouldn’t you present as many Cronbach’s alpha result as domains you are exploring?

3. Are the data sound?
   Yes, they are.

4. Do the figures appear to be genuine, i.e. without evidence of manipulation?
   There are no figures.

5. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Yes, it does.

6. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   Yes, the discussion is well balanced. A suggestion would be to present the figures for the actual CD use in Asian countries in order to compare it with women preferences figures.

7. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
   Limitations are not clearly stated but the manuscript flows logically and information is well posed.
8. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
Yes they do.

9. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
Yes it do.

10. Is the writing acceptable?
Yes it is.

Please make your review as constructive and detailed as possible in your comments so that authors have the opportunity to overcome any serious deficiencies that you find and please also divide your comments into the following categories:

- Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore)

You can make a reference to the figures for the actual CD use in Asian countries in order to compare it with the women preferences figures that you are presenting in your paper.
A suggestion would be to provide a deeper description of the validity and reliability analysis

- Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
NO

- Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
NO

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests