Reviewer’s report

Title: Measuring women's experiences of maternity care: protocol for a systematic review of self-report survey instruments

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Reviewer: Tari Turner

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This is an interesting and well written manuscript, thank you for the opportunity to review.

I have a few minor comments/suggestions.

1. Regarding the search strategy, it would be helpful to have a brief description of how this was developed and tested, and whether someone with medical librarian skills, or similar, was involved. I wondered why, for example, 'postpartum' was not in the strategy as a key word, and the choice to require adjacency of 'care' or 'service', when papers might describe 'healthcare' or other options. A justification would be helpful.

2. Regarding the data extraction in table 3, it seems to me that the decisions about what to report for many of these items are quite subjective. What guidance will be provided to ensure clarity about these? Will direct quotes also be extracted from the papers as evidence to support the assessments?

3. I also have an overarching question about the importance of the context in/for which the tools were developed (and the purposes for which they were developed) and the extent to which this might impact on their utility and generisability for other contexts. Variation in health system structure, level of health system, cultural expectations, resource levels, staffing models etc might have a significant impact on the results and how they were interpreted. It would be useful for the authors to reflect on this.

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