

# **Peer Review: Medical school and pregnancy: can you really have it all?**

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# Reviewer Summaries

## Candace Chow

### Initial Submission

**Do you have any conflicts of interest that could bias your ability to provide an independent review?**

No

**What did the authors do a good job with?**

Summarizing existing literature and reporting the data they collected

**How do you think this research will contribute to the field?**

Lack of parental leave for medical students is an ongoing problem and hopefully this research will bring attention to the fact that better leave policies need to be created and implemented.

**Regarding the study design and methods, what do the authors need to fix or improve upon to be fit for publication?**

I think this was appropriate described but including a copy of the survey or sharing at least some questions would be helpful.

**Regarding the analysis and interpretation of their findings, what do the authors need to fix or improve upon to be fit for publication?**

I made one comment about how quotes should be reported with some narrative text

**Is there anything else you think the authors need to fix in their article to be fit for publication?**

Nothing in addition to the in-text comments

**Do you have any concerns about the ethics of this research?**

No - the authors report that the study was approved by their institution's IRB

**Based on your review, what should happen next?**

This paper requires minor revisions but does not need further peer review

**Would you like to be listed as a Collaborator on the final publication?**

No, I do not want to be listed as a Collaborator

### Revised Submission

**Do you have any conflicts of interest that could bias your ability to provide an independent review?**

No

**How well did the authors respond to your comments?**

5/5

**What - if any - feedback do you feel the authors did not adequately respond to?**

n/a

**Based on your review, what should happen next?**

This paper is ready for publication

**Would you like to be listed as a Collaborator on the final publication?**

No, I do not want to be listed as a Collaborator



## Sarah Conway

### Initial Submission

**Do you have any conflicts of interest that could bias your ability to provide an independent review?**

none

**What did the authors do a good job with?**

This is a very important topic where we need more data and more consistent policies. The mixed quantitative and qualitative methods worked well in this paper.

**How do you think this research will contribute to the field?**

One of the main points of this article is to highlight how many medical students did not take time off during pregnancy, and the lack of institutional support for many students.

**Regarding the study design and methods, what do the authors need to fix or improve upon to be fit for publication?**

The main thing I would like to understand is how these results were impacted by if a school had a parental leave policy or not. I would like to know how the authors came up with characteristics in table 2 to study. Would include the survey questions asked in an appendix.

**Regarding the analysis and interpretation of their findings, what do the authors need to fix or improve upon to be fit for publication?**

Same comments as per methods; in addition would like to see how the qualitative data was analyzed and more details on this. What results in the result section were from the qualitative analysis and what was numeric and quantitative? It seems most of the qualitative data is shown as quotations, which were interspersed throughout the text. Would like clarify on if there was any other analysis done with it (i.e. analyzing most important themes, concerns, issues during pregnancy etc).

**Is there anything else you think the authors need to fix in their article to be fit for publication?**

Nothing else

**Based on your review, what should happen next?**

This paper needs major revisions and another round of peer review

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No

**How well did the authors respond to your comments?**

5/5

**What - if any - feedback do you feel the authors did not adequately respond to?**

Comments were adequately addressed

**Based on your review, what should happen next?**

This paper requires minor revisions but does not need further peer review

**Would you like to be listed as a Collaborator on the final publication?**

Yes, please list me as a Collaborator