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Major Compulsory Revisions

Thank you again for the opportunity to review the revised manuscript entitled: "Easier said than done!: Methodological challenges with conducting maternal death review research in Malawi"

While this is important information that would be of interest to the readership of BMC: Medical Research Methodology, it lacks coherence and sound scientific knowledge to be of added value to the field.

It is apparent the authors put a tremendous amount of time and energy into this manuscript. The paper still needs major, significant revisions. The conclusions are vague and do not add significantly to the literature.

When assessing this paper using the 9 criteria of BMC, I unfortunately, do not feel it meets the requirements for publication.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.