Reviewer's report

Title: Determinants of Performance of Supplemental Immunization Activities for Polio Eradication in Uttar Pradesh, India: Social Mobilization Activities of the Social Mobilization Network (SM Net) and Core Group Polio Project (CGPP)

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1. The manuscript attempts to examine a critical component of polio eradication program in the hotspots of India. However, this attempt does not go beyond a superficial macro level analysis of a circumscribed, context-specific, and deep rooted micro level social (and sometimes cultural) resistance to supplementary immunization activities against polio.

2. Such critical and socially sensitive issues may not be seriously examined by secondary data analysis by deductive tools. With such methodological disconnect, the paper fails to inform the program with any newer understanding or communication-insight.

3. The tone and tenor of the arguments that emerge through the manuscript betray a self congratulatory narrative.

4. With this level of conflict of interest, the exercise may better be used for in-house managerial improvements – not for any wider academic discourse.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.