Reviewer's report

Title: Durability assessment results suggest a serviceable life of two, rather than three, years for the current long-lasting insecticidal (mosquito) net (LLIN) intervention in Benin

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This is a thoughtfully designed, valuable addition to the literature, submitted by some experienced field-based researchers. It provides important information on the potential fate of LLINs in the field and the time scales over which they may affect malaria control programmes.

The type of net (manufacturer, trademark) evaluated is not mentioned, but it should be. This is essential programatic information - not all nets behave similarly. The authors simply note that they were all polyethylene and light blue.

No measure of actual entomological impact (some form of bioassay) is included in their investigation. This would have been a welcome addition, but the absence of that data does not detract from their central aim of assessing survivorship based on existing RBM recommendations and NetCALC expectations.

The discussion is thorough and covers all the implications of their findings.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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