Reviewer's report

Title: Quality of antenatal care in rural Tanzania: Counselling on danger signs of obstetric complications and adherence to referral criteria

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The paper is well written and the topic is very relevant for maternal health care. Reading the title however, I had expected more than what I found. A few questions/remarks

1. It is regrettable that there is only 1 local investigator amongst the authors': i would encourage expat researchers to imply their local counterparts and teach them how to develop a proposal, write a paper etc...

2. The title is 'quality of antenatal care...whereby the reader expects to find a relation between education/awareness raising etc. Question remains whether the investigators have been able to show a difference on health seeking behaviour in pregnant women according to counselling groups

3. Have the authors been able to examine the association between being counseled and outcome of pregnancy?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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'