Reviewer's report

Title: Haemorrhagia post partum; an implementation study on the evidence-based guideline of the Dutch Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (NVOG) and the MOET (Managing Obstetric Emergencies and Trauma-course) instructions; the Fluxim study

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Reviewer: Justus Hofmeyr

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This is an interesting and clearly-written protocol which describes the development of a strategy to influence carers to adhere to evidence-based practices for prevention of postpartum haemorrhage. A general limitation of the protocol is the fact that the implementation strategy and the adherence measures will be developed as part of the research, therefore the protocol is presented in very general terms, without being able to define the interventions and outcomes, and how these will be analysed. It will be useful to have an update of the protocol for the feasibility study once the actual care study and the barrier and facilitator studies have been completed.

The following major revisions may be useful to readers:

1. It would be useful to have a clearly stated hypothesis for the feasibility study.

2. In the initial observational (actual care) study, it will be useful to describe how PPH will be defined and measured.

3. It will be useful to discuss limitations of the methodology, particularly the inherent limitations of a before-and-after study.


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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests