Reviewer's report

Title: Maternal mortality in Kassala State - eastern Sudan: Community-based study using Reproductive age mortality survey (RAMOS).

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The Authors have addressed most of my comments but the manuscript can benefit more by making few changes and be reviewed by language experts.

The results section
First paragraph, the last sentence, The words “and a standard deviation of 6.3 years” should be removed as the mean is not there.

Third paragraph first sentence, the words “with small number” should be replaced by “three”. On the same paragraph the sentence starting “Three cases delivered….obstetric haemorrhage”, the word “obstetric” should be replaced by “antepartum” or remove both words “obstetric haemorrhage” and replace with "vaginal bleeding”.

The last part of the results section on phases of delay should not be in sub-sections but one comprehensive paragraph. Also, on the second phase of delay, the first sentence “there were few…with ambulances” doesn’t seem to be results of the study. Better state what the respondents reports when the incidence occurred.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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