Reviewer's report

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Audits on near-miss cases have been proposed as a useful tool for evaluation and improvement of maternal health care services in developing countries. Therefore this article is important in terms of understanding the implementation process in a sub-Saharan African setting, which may allow researchers to improve the intervention and better interpret the results.

In many cases, process evaluation of interventions is less likely to be published compared to the evaluation of outcomes. Thus, even though the data is more than ten years old, given the significance of the lessons learnt and the practical implications, I think it will be essential to share the results with the research community.

My specific comments are in the document attached.

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.