Reviewer's report

Title: An implementation evaluation of a policy aiming to improve financial access to maternal health care in Burkina Faso

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The article uses multiple data sources and methods to evaluate how the 2006 national health policy to increase assisted deliveries in order to improve maternal health related to childbirth. Health care documents, interviews of health managers, health workers, traditional birth attendants and community management committees, focus group discussions, feedback sessions and observations in health facilities were used in this study.

The article is well written and constructed. The article can be accepted after my few remarks have been taken into account.

Major Compulsory Revisions:
1. In abstract, the first sentence should be completed for more detailed information. It is not enough to describe that 'some activities to improve quality of care' were not implemented.
2. It remained unclear why there were no local ethical clearance.
3. Instead of a fictitious name, remove the references to district name. I cannot see any reason why the real name of the district could not be given.

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. Always when referring to local currency, give the amount systematically in Euro.
2. Avoid the use of 'billion', which can be interpreted differently.
3. Systematise decimal points instead of commas.
4. Close the gap between percentage units and percent.
5. Page 7. The abbreviation TBA has already been given earlier.
6. Some of the figures are given very detailed, e.g. page 11 the distance of 11.42 km or the rate of assisted deliveries. One decimal (or even no decimals) could be considered.

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.