Reviewer’s report

Title: Community Birth Attendants: Who are they and what do they do?

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Reviewer: Lesley Barclay

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   . This is a study focussing on the education of birth attendants not really the site of birth. Could be a little clearer around my comments in the summary.
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   yes
3. Are the data sound?
   yes
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   I would prefer the issues described in my text to be better developed 6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
   satisfactory
6. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
   yes
7. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   Could be ‘tighter’- see my comments
8. Is the writing acceptable?
   yes

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

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I declare I have no competing interests.