Reviewer's report

Title: Clean delivery practices in rural northern Ghana: A qualitative study of community and provider knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs systems

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Minor essential revisions.

1 With the figures in table 3:. Apparently 25/35 women knew that something had been put on the umbilical cord and 4 knew that nothing had been applied, that is 29 positive responses. In the lower part of the table there were only 27 responses entered. This needs to be amended.

2 Page 5 of is missing in the phrase "...over 40% of under 5 mortality..."

3 Page 7 "purposively" should be "purposely"

4 page 10 with needs to be added into the phrase '...provide the team with an opportunity..."

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

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'