Reviewer's report

Title: Recurrence of perinatal death in Northern Tanzania: A registry based cohort study

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Reviewer: Bettina Utz

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Thank you for sending me the above article with findings import for reducing neonatal deaths in SSA. The paper is worth publishing after the authors have addressed all issues requiring revision.

Method section should be clearer (see my comments in the text) and include inclusion and exclusion criteria. Some aspects of the method section are repeated / inappropriately placed in the discussion section (major compulsory revision).

The discussion section is partly used to repeat or state findings that should be result section. Although the findings are compared with other studies, differences/similarities are often not properly discussed and often only the reference of the study is stated. This needs to be improved. Also the limitations of this study needs to be more highlighted as especially women who lost their child previously might decide to deliver in a hospital again, whereas women who delivered a health child might not deliver again in the hospital as they feel there is no problem. This can cause calculation of a higher risk as more women who experienced problems in the first pregnancy will come to the hospital, which is not representative of the entire population.

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests