Reviewer's report

**Title:** The Effect of Health Facility Delivery on Neonatal Mortality: Systematic Review And Meta-Analysis

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**Reviewer:** Mats Malqvist

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Thank you for responding to my previous comments, which I find mostly have been adequately addressed. The aim, rationale and consequent results are now much clearer. I still have some minor comments though:

1. The search strategy is still a bit confusing. When I enter the search string described in the ms I get only 15 hits in pubmed. Without the " " I get 4008. Neither of these correspond to the stated 2218, even if the time frame was different. Please revise and be sure to get all the " and boolean words right.

2. The second paragraph in the introduction is about the situation in Ethiopia. Even if the authors are from Ethiopia it is a bit unclear why this section is here. I would suggest instead to widen the introduction and further elaborate on the international discourse regarding home delivery. Maybe through a historical review of how strategies have changed over the years.

3. Maybe it could be made clearer in the abstract and the conclusions that the pooled effect size is for health facility deliveries in resource-poor settings, so not to confuse with the debate about planned home deliveries in the European and American settings.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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.