Reviewer’s report

Title: Management of (Pre-) Eclampsia In Afghanistan

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This is nice and timely paper on Management of (Pre) eclampsia from low-income high-MMR setting with outstanding scientific merit and interest in the field. In this paper the question posed by authors is well defined, timely and relevant for MDG 5. The methods are well described and the results and discussion is well written maintaining good professional standard. This article will add value and scientific knowledge to the research, policy and practice community particularly in low income settings. However I have few minor comments:

A. Discretionary Revision
1. Out of 127 CEmONC facilities 49 were excluded for security reasons; it would be better to mention their types (CHC, district, provincial etc) and number
2. For easy understanding of the readers, a brief description of service delivery structures and strategies in Afghanistan could be presented in the background section
3. Description of the written case scenario should be elaborated in the methods section
4. For a meaningful comparison of facilities and providers (doctor vs. midwives and trained vs. non-trained providers), reduction of data could be done using Principal Components and Factor Analysis method for summary indices (quality/skill/knowledge). Alternatively, providers’ competence from case scenarios could also be compared at aggregate by percent means of total scores (correct practices/responses)

B. Minor Essential Revision
1. There is typing error in the result section under heading Providers experience and training (line 11)
2. Reference 8; MgSO4 should be in bold letters
3. The formatting (bold and italic) should be uniform throughout the References Section
4. % should be given with each variable in Table 3.

C. Major Compulsory Revision
None

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'