Reviewer’s report

Title: The development of quality indicators for the prevention and management of postpartum haemorrhage in primary midwifery care in the Netherlands

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Minor essential revisions.
In terms of preventative methods, I am not sure what is meant by ‘agree on preventative strategies’ if risk for PPH is identified antenatally or intrapartum. Who is involved in this consultation?.

I have a concern about Number 16 in Figure 1. I would advise the section below this to be titled “If loss > 1000 mls and persistent bleeding and/or PPH > 2000mls” then quality indicators 16, 17 etc. could come after this. If a woman has a loss > 1000 lts is shocked and has persistent bleeding then 16, 17 onwards should occur. This is a grey area but you are trying to identify the woman who is deteriorating clinically and in this scenario the midwife cannot necessarily be accurate about the blood loss as she is trying to cope with the PPH. Therefore I think one needs to be careful about arbitrary estimated blood loss cut offs.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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