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Title:
The title/topic of the study is of importance to the community of Uganda and women suffering from fistula in Uganda, East Africa and Africa as a whole that more research is actually needed in the area of fistula.

Methods:

Major Compulsory:
The methodology part should be done justice by indicating all the important sub-headings such as the study design, setting, data collection, analysis and ethical consideration.

Content data analysis is not well elaborated. I suggest that a Table be included showing e.g. the categories, codes and themes to guide the reader in the findings section.

I could not follow how the themes were developed e.g.
1. Community’s knowledge about obstetric fistula
2. Knowledge about the presentation (signs and symptoms) of obstetric fistula
3. Perceived risk factors for obstetric fistula
4. Knowledge about treatment of obstetric fistula
5. Knowledge on prevention measures for obstetric fistula

Discretionary Revisions:
A theoretical framework/conceptual model may enrich the study i.e., if any was used.
A mixed method approach might have sounded more scientific than using or FGDs method only.

Minor Essential Revisions:
Discussion:
The discussion is well articulated except there is repetition of findings in almost all sections of the findings particularly on knowledge.