Reviewer's report

**Title:** Estimating the Prevalence of Obstetric Fistula: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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**Reviewer:** Jules Schagen van Leeuwen

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The article is well written, gives new relevant information and is a good example of a systematic review and meta-analysis. It is written by authors who have a reputation in maternal health.

When assessing the work, please consider the following points:

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? yes
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6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? yes
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8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? yes

**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.

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