Reviewer's report

Title: The Acceptability and Feasibility of an Intercultural Birth Center in the Highlands of Chiapas, Mexico

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The authors have done a very good work in the preparation of this revised version. They have addressed all the issues raised for the previous one, and I think the paper is a lot clearer and easier to follow. Based on the reading of this revised version, I would only have the following points, still to be considered major compulsory revisions:

1. This new version clearly makes the point raised by the authors: for different reasons, the Casa Materna is not working well: nobody has used it for deliveries and few people knows about it. A methodological problem that the authors mention in the limitations, but that is crucial, is that the opinion of those who decide where the delivery takes place is not considered (husbands and mothers). Even more, the opinions that we have from women come from women who attended the health center (the opinion of women who do not even come to the health center may be even different). I think the opinion of these actors would really help the study, and if it is not possible to collect data from them, the authors have to elaborate on the ways that the opinions of these actors may differ. it is not enough to mention that it is a limitation.

2. It would be interesting to set the dimension of the contribution expected from the Casa Materna. No deliveries were attended in the 3 months since its opening until the preparation of this article, but, how many deliveries was it expected to attend? how many women in reproductive age or pregnant women are in the area of influence of the Casa Materna? Did somebody even do these calculations?

3. The authors have clarified the possible role of Oportunidades (not Oportunidades as written in the paper) has on prenatal care. It is OK for me. the real point is not if the women go to prenatal care because of the corresponsibility of Oportunidades or not, but why women are not going to institutional delivery care.

4. The article is a very important contribution for the planning and implementation of delivery care services for indigenous population, which is a global problem. However, the data for the study are very local (ONE Casa Materna). For an international publication, the authors have to discuss how big this problem is in the region, and how these results can affect the actions taken in other places.

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I declare that I have no competing interests.