Reviewer’s report

Title: Readiness of district and regional hospitals in Burkina Faso to provide comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care: a cross-sectional study.

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The manuscript provides important information for EmONC practices in the country, however, I would like to suggest the following changes/additions. All my comments are categorized under "Minor Essential Revisions":

1. The authors did not explain why only these 2 indicators were chosen? If there exists a baseline of all EmONC indicators, then I suggest they be included in the manuscript.

2. This manuscript would be much stronger if they quantify the problem - maternal mortality - before the intervention, during this study, and 4 years later, which period, with its gaps, are mentioned in the manuscript.

3. The minimum number of required staff (in facilities and during surgeries) is very interesting and important, but needs a citation or explanation on where that figure was derived from.

4. C-section rate is very high. Can the authors explain why?

5. What is the main cause of maternal mortality in the country? If it is due to PPH, then the chosen EmONC indicator can be justified and the manuscript will aid in policy development.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.