Reviewer's report

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• Major Compulsory Revisions

The author must respond to these before a decision on publication can be reached. For example, additional necessary experiments or controls, statistical mistakes, errors in interpretation.

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Major Compulsory Revisions

- Because this manuscript reports on selected elements of CEMONC, the title should be adjusted to report on this.

- This article reports on data from 2007. It reports a similar study was repeated in 2011. In order for this to be most valuable, it should have a comparison of both, rather then report only on the oldest data.

- What is the relevance of this data and availability of services to health indicators in the region? If the data is from 2007, it would be interesting to compare and evaluate over time.

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