Reviewer's report

**Title:** Using direct clinical observation to assess the quality of cesarean delivery in Afghanistan: an exploratory study

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this article can be published if it focusses more. since it contains only small numbers both the introduction as well as the discussion section can be shortened considerably. the article is now far too long.

a few observations: references 15 and 21 are the same. one reference to the partograph should suffice.

one can argue about giving prophylactic antibiotics after cord clamping. there is ample evidence that a single antibiotic prophylactic should be administered before skin incision.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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'