Reviewer's report

Title: Experiencing challenges when implementing Active Management of Third Stage of Labor (AMTSL). A qualitative study with midwives in Accra, Ghana.

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The authors have done a great job addressing questions and incorporating suggestions that had been raised by the reviewers of the manuscript.

DISCRETIONARY REVISIONS

Introduction, last paragraph, pages 4-5: The authors state that no other studies of this kind have been conducted; however, several studies on adherence to AMTSL guidelines have been conducted, as they have cited in the prior paragraph. I would just suggest that they make the point a bit stronger that their study explored qualitative aspects and that they did not document level of adherence (or rate of adherence) among the surveyed providers.

Methods, page 6, ethical considerations: It doesn’t seem necessary to state, “After AE and SS’s arrival in Ghana.” I wasn’t sure what this referred to at first.

Conclusions, page 15: The ‘faith and fate’ discussion is interesting, but I don’t find it to be the central focus of the paper. Thus, I’d recommend that this issue be raised later on in the discussion and not upfront. The paragraph on staff coverage seems more important.

MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS

Introduction

Page 4, first full paragraph: The first two sentences of this paragraph discuss implementation rates of 3% and 5% and the same citation [14] is used for both. Can you please clarify? Were there two separate studies on AMTSL practices conducted in 2007?

Methods

Page 5, first full paragraph: With regard to the highlighted sentence, “The interviews…were conducted…before the most recent modification of the AMTSL guidelines,” please clarify whether these refer to the national guidelines or international guidelines.

MAJOR COMPULSORY REVISIONS: None.

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

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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.