Reviewer’s report

Title: Maternal Mortality at Muhimbili National Hospital in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania

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Reviewer: Hyam Bashour

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
  - There is a discrepancy in the definition of substandard care as specified by the author (process of medical care) and that of the findings where patients causes is concluded.
  - In table 4 the total is 133 and not 117. This needs to be corrected.
  - In table three, it is better to show another column with the percentage of the direct causes only and indirect cause only.

- Minor Essential Revisions
  The rationale of the study which is very specific to the hospital needs to be highlighted more in the discussion.
  Please add the year to the title.

- Discretionary Revisions
  It might be useful to show the findings for the cases that refreed versus those originated in the hospital with the limitation that the numbers are low. Also is advised to explain why submitting the work which was done in 2011 quite late.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'