Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessment of Feto-maternal Hemorrhage among Rhesus D negative pregnant Mothers using the Kleihauer-Betke test (KBT) and Flowcytometry (FCM) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Reviewer: joseph shumway

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Reviewer’s report for Assessment of Feto-Maternal Hemorrhage…Fekadu Urgessa
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- Major Compulsory Revisions

1 Please indicate the level of administration of “affording mothers” in Ethiopia—is 28% typical or only the number from your highly selected population. Most births are at home—please provide some discussion of this perplexing issue of dealing with home birth.

2 Please estimate (some form of a cost benefit analysis) of the number of cases that would be changed by implementation of this strategy. Please include the cost of testing in your analysis.

- Minor Essential Revisions

1 Abstract is wordy. Please revise the background and conclusions sections

- Discretionary Revisions

Discussion is good—it could be shortened but does flow fairly well.

Level of interest

This article is of moderate interest and is scientifically sound research. It is worthy of publication with the revisions noted above. BMJ Pregnancy and Childbirth is appropriate.

Quality of written English

Adequate, the abstract is wordy and should be revised. Otherwise no changes required.

Statistical review

Is it essential that this manuscript be seen by an expert statistician? NO, I have statistical background and it is clear for its statistical analysis
Declaration of competing interests manuscript?
'I declare that I have no competing interests' below.

What next?

- Accept after minor essential revisions—I would like to see them before publication

**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:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

No conflicts of interest