Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessing the Unmet Obstetric Need and of the accessibility of Emergency Obstetric Care in Tanga Region, Tanzania

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General
1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined?

MT clear question, well defined.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work?

MT yes

3. Are the data sound and well controlled?

MT indeed

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?

MT yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?

MT indeed

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?

MT yes

7. Is the writing acceptable?

MT Yes

The paper is well written and addresses a neglected but very important reproductive and public health topic. The UON concept seems to be a useful tool and should be widely distributed to measure maternal and child health. No major revisions are required

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests