Reviewer’s report

Title: The difficulties of conducting maternal death reviews in Malawi

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minor essential revisions

Although a structured analysis of the factors around conducted reviews made at a workshop, the process cannot be defined as systematic, so this reference should be removed from the first paragraph of the discussion. Similarly, in the abstract, the sentence on the aim of the exercise should be revised to remove the reference to "study", making it more as a correspondence article.

Minor corrections are needed for typological errors (for example, page 3 para 3 6th line from bottom, verb-noun disagreement).

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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'