Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Peter Waiswa

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Dear editor, thank you for giving me the opportunity to review the revised manuscript. In general, the authors have addressed most of my concerns.

Major Compulsory revision
1. The authors should shorten the conclusions to one paragraph or so. Currently, conclusions are more than a page!!!

Minor essential revisions proposed are:
1. Add a comment under ethics on issues related to verbal autopsy especially ethical issues around data collection and how these were handled.
2. In the results, the authors could consider reducing the number of tables, currently 8, to at least 5. Tables like 1 and 2 could be merged and other table results put in text as they are too short.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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