Reviewer's report

**Title:** Effectiveness of an integrated approach to reduce perinatal mortality: Recent experiences from Matlab, Bangladesh

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**Reviewer:** Padmini Murthy

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Is the question posed by the authors well defined?  
Yes

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?  
Yes

3. Are the data sound?  
Yes

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

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

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?  
Yes

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?  
Yes

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

9. Is the writing acceptable?  
Yes

Minor Revisions

1. Provide examples of some perinatal mortality remains a major public health concern in low- and middle income Countries in which perinatal mortality is a public health challenge.

2. If the women were illiterate who gave informed consent on their behalf? Please specify (All women gave written informed consent prior to enrollment in the study.)
3. Antenatal care coverage was significantly associated with perinatal mortality in the icddr,b SA but not in the government SA (Table 4). Please clarify the reasons for this?

4. Conclusion needs to be more specific and what additional recommendations do the authors suggest?

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' below

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