Reviewer’s report

Title: Progress towards implementation of ACT malaria case-management in public health facilities in northern Sudan: a cluster-sample survey

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I question the value of an M&E report in a peer reviewed journal and I do not agree that qualitative work is necessary to start answering the question of where the project could have done better and what lessons can be drawn from the project. The authors have chosen not to analyze the data by distance from a major city or by the organizational structure of facilities. This is, in my opinion, unfortunate.

The first task facing public health officials in such a setting is a technical one. Training is a necessary first step to changing protocols. However, training is well known to be inadequate. This paper reports that the training did a decent, but not perfect job. That is welcome news. However, since the reader does not really know why the training worked, there are few generalizable lessons that can be drawn from this paper.

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.