Reviewer's report

Title: Exploring the effectiveness of the output-aid (OBA) program to increase uptake of gender-based violence recovery services in Kenya: A qualitative evaluation

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The paper is now acceptable. The following observations should be addressed and then the paper can be published.

There are still some errors such as in the phrase: “…voucher management agents (VMA) managers ..” agents should be agent. Please revise all text carefully.

In abstract: change “demonstration sites… “ to “intervention sites…”, This means that the word ”intervention” should be used everywhere in the paper. NOT the word “demonstration”.

Page 4, phrase “The Kenya Demographic and Health Survey (2008-2009) report that Kenyan women of reproductive age have the highest incidence of violence measured by sex and age groups…..”: highest compared to???? In SSA? In the world?

Page 4: phrase “ ….are on an upward spiral.[12]” did the article prove a real increase of violence or was it an increase in reporting?

Page 6: phrase: “….to provide a comprehensive reproductive health service package among the poor, including GBV survivors[33].” Change, as in looks as if only poor GBV survivors have access.

Page 6: phrase: …The OBA program is currently being implemented in five demonstration sites

across five provinces in Kenya namely..” As said in my first review, change “demonstration sites” to the words “intervention sites” (also on page 7)

Page 6: phrase: ….The GBVR services vouchers are made freely available to women at the facility (there is no community-based distribution and no specific selection criteria for identifying eligible clients, such as a poverty grading method used for family planning and safe motherhood programs. 23”. Explain that each accredited clinic has a stack of vouchers which is used to submit a claim. Take out the “ ( “ before there.

As requested in my first review, please improve references. Some are incomplete, while others are repeated, such 24 and 25, as well as 36 and 37.
Also, in some references all authors are written in others only one. Please check all references carefully and improve!

An example is the following reference:


Please change to:

Bhatia MR and Gorter AC. Improving access to Reproductive and Child Health services in developing countries: are competitive voucher schemes an option? Journal of International Development; 2007; 19(7): 975-981.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.