Reviewer's report

Title: What training is needed to study the causes of health inequalities in my country? Perspectives from health and demographic researchers in eight African and Asian countries

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This is an interesting paper that uses the concept mapping to solicit information on health inequalities. A few comments:

Background: This section needs to be shortened. The reader may not need such details.

Methods: Concept mapping is not focus group. It may be misleading if such terms are used.

The overall purpose of the project should be highlighted in the background and also provide rationale how the information gathered thru concept mapping will be useful in developing policy, etc.

Data collection: the paragraph that begins with “we used the term…” seems to belong in earlier section.

Ethics: This section can be shortened.

Results: This section seems to be too detailed. I suggest not provide the interpretation in the results section rather in the discussion section. Also, it will be better if findings are limited to the clusters only and not necessarily all individual items within the clusters.

Not clear why findings about the participants are repeated in the discussions section. Remarks about the methodology and limitations should be discussed in the limitation section at the end and not at the beginning of the discussions.

The discussions should also suggest any policy and/or program implications and how the findings can be used.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.