Reviewer's report

Title: Postnatal Care by Provider Type: Studying Associations with Neonatal Mortality in sub-Saharan Africa

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I found this important paper describing an analysis of recent multicountry DHS survey data to assess the impact of PNC on neonatal mortality both clear and concise.

major compulsory and minor essential revisions
none

discretionary revisions
1. page 6 'left censoring of the data' is a term unfamiliar to this reviewer which is explained in the succeeding paragraph ....suggest it would be clearer to the general reader if the term succeeds the explanation not precedes it.
2. page 7 likewise..' In order to correct for right censoring'

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'