Reviewer’s report

Title: High rates of burnout among maternal health staff at a referral hospital in Malawi: A cross-sectional study

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Reviewer: Maralyn Foureur

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Thank you for addressing all the concerns raised in the original article in this updated version. There are further revisions required as listed below:

Minor Essential Revisions

Results section of the abstract refers to “…almost half of the respondents (74%) experienced reduced personal accomplishment” - but quotes a proportion of 74% - this needs to be corrected.

Last line of the third paragraph in the Background – “…EmOC and postnatal services…” -this is the first time you have presented this abbreviation- please provide the word/phrase in full before abbreviating it so that its meaning is clear.

In the Discussion section first paragraph there are two further grammatical errors that require correction. “…an even a larger percentage…” remove the ‘a’ from this phrase; “…yet the largest difference the percentages of participants…” does not make sense- please rephrase to make the meaning more clear.

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 have no competing interests.