Reviewer's report

**Title:** Why caretakers bypass Primary Care facilities for child care - A case from rural Tanzania.

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**Reviewer:** Arslan Mazhar

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General:
As communicated earlier, the question posed is important and certainly deserves attention in order to explore factors associated with bypassing PHC facilities. Almost all the queries from the first manuscript seem to be answered by the author. The second version of the manuscript has comprehensible background, materials and methods, results, discussion, strengths and limitations. The conclusion and discussion section are much compatible in the second version of manuscript with sound policy implications of the research. The answers to raised questions are very well crafted with no requirement for additional “major compulsory revisions. However, some minor essential/discretionary revisions are suggested.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. **Title:** It would be more appropriate to write Primary Health Care instead of Primary Care.

2. **Strengths and limitations:** Clients who bypassed PHC services and ended up at private hospitals are not reflected in the study. What are implications keeping in view of their exclusion from the study?

Discretionary Revisions
As you responded, that household-based study could not establish background and care-seeking factors (utilization of PHC facilities being among them) in relation to child’s disease severity status. It can be in addressed in the strengths/limitations section.

**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