Reviewer's report

Title: Feasibility of implementing intermittent preventive treatment of pregnant women for malaria in private and public antenatal clinics in Tanzania: experience-based perspectives of health managers in Mkuranga and Mufindi districts

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes!

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? The design of looking at only health managers’ views without corroborating them with those of other actors casts doubt about the validity of conclusions and recommendations made. One would think that the write up was intended to generate many publications out of a single study. Give the reader the other side of the story

3. Are the data sound? Yes!

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes!

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Partly, as said above, the conclusion and the subsequent recommendations there in require that the information obtained from the managers is corroborated with that of health workers, service users and other actors. Otherwise, they remain hanging and unqualified. What if the other stakeholders are saying something to the contrary?

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes!

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes!

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes!

9. Is the writing acceptable? It well-laid out but needs a lot of editing probably by an English speaker before it is published in English