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General comment: The authors have adequately address most questions I raised, and have improved the manuscript significantly.

Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
1. Although the authors added an explanation of the sampling plan, but did not explain the difference between original sample of 68 randomly selected accredited health facilities vs. the final 57 accredited health facilities that the final sample was drawn from. Likewise, the difference between the initial ransom sample of 509 provider personnel vs. the final 466 sample provider personnel that were interviewed. If this was simply reflecting less than 100% response rate at two stage sampling, the authors can explicitly state that:

   at the first stage sampling of accredited health facilities, we achieved 83.8% response rate, while at the second stage of sampling provider personnel we achieved 91.6% response rate. Both are impressively high response rate that the authors should not feel uncomfortable to report explicitly. This will help readers to solve the mystery of the differences.

Discretionary Revisions
None

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Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.