Reviewer's report

Title: Compliance with Referrals for Non-acute Child Health Conditions: Evidence from the Longitudinal ASENZE Study in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa

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Thanx for this useful addition

Here some comments

MAJOR
1) The recruitment and Phase 1 (n=1581) and Phase 2 (n=1078) is not clear to me after reading twice. Please make this clearer
2) Also where did the assessment take place - at household level, or at some later point in a facility??
3) relatedly, is this therefore a C0mmunity to First level facility-referral, or a facility to hospital/corresponding referral.??
4) In Table 2 the ORs seem to be alternatively expressing "compliance" or "non-compliance", as judged by comparing Percentages and ORs between reference category and comparator (eg. first section on age where >5 years has lower completion proportion, and yet OR=1.32.
   Yes "same caregiver" shows the opposite pattern
5) Please clarify timeframe to assessment - is this completion within X monhts of first referral?

MINOR
1) Table 1 has a funny mix of layout making it hard to follow

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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