Reviewer's report

Title: Determinants and pattern of care seeking for preterm newborns in a rural Bangladeshi cohort

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Major Compulsory Revision: It appears from the description that this paper is an outcome of a secondary analyses of a cluster randomized controlled trial that had interventions that also included danger sign assessment and care-seeking intervention. The analyses seems to combine both the groups and treats the analyses as if it was an observational study but it seems it wasn't. The two groups from the description appear to be different (intervention and control) and in particular seems to impact care-seeking behavior - the primary outcome of this paper. It would be fundamental to seek a scientific justification for their approach. Besides, the trial was randomized by cluster but the analyses is presented at the individual level. It would be of interest to understand why this approach was undertaken.

Minor: it would be erroneous to assume that homeopathic doctors are unqualified. This needs to be politically and technically corrected.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'