Reviewer's report

Title: Investigating health system performance: An application of data envelopment analysis to Zambian hospitals

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Reviewer: Erik Blas

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

There need to be reference to the DEA approach as well as the Onfront in the methods section. The latter is currently only refered to in the results/discussion section

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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'