Reviewer's report

Title: Lack of effective communication between communities and hospitals in Uganda: a qualitative exploration of missing links

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1. There a number of repetition in the Methods section which makes the section unnecessarily long.

2. Under the Methods section, the interviewes and FGDs are described to have been done by the investigators, mentioning qualified "Social Scientists". However, under the "Ethical clearance" section, there is mention of "Research Assistants". Such descriptions are quite confusing.

3. Although under "Data Management and Analysis" it is mentioned that "FGDs were transcribed in the local language" ... There is nowhere in the Methods mentioning that FGD were carried in local language. Is it possible, the investigators were conversants with the local languages spoken in all the 6 districts?

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

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