Reviewer's report

**Title:** Case Study: Does training of private networks of Family Planning clinicians in urban Pakistan affect service utilization?

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**Reviewer:** Babar Tasneem Shaikh

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In the first place, the data appears to be too old and one wonders why it is being published so late. Since 2001, many other factors and confounders have acted upon the phenomenon of FP service utilization in Pakistani urban society. Media is one single strong example.

Moreover, the findings of the paper which is based on one single point i.e. training of providers is not sufficient to defend that more trainings or more providers of different cadres should be engaged. Unless we have demand side picture i.e. whether people would like to go to nurses or any other paramedics how can we say that we should embark upon such initiatives.

Many statements are given without appropriate references such as the one in opening paragraphs.

Some statements in conclusion are irrelevant to this study such as monitoring and evaluation of health workers competencies requires extensive resources; why are we saying that. Main conclusion have not been drawn from the study results.

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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'