Reviewer's report

Title: Performance and Determinants of Routine Immunization Coverage within a Polio Eradication Program in Uttar Pradesh, India: Social Mobilization Network (SM Net) and CORE Group Polio Project (CGPP)

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This paper takes an interesting angle as a title, but then does not develop the point of the relation between the determinants of routine coverage and in the context of a surrounding polio activity. The conclusion does not even mention polio.

(You say "a program" but you are really looking a polio activity within a broader national program. You also change to "project" in page 3, which is again different.)

Minor essential revisions:

1. I recommend going through the paper and trying to make the relationship between the routine immunization determinants and the polio activity in which it is embedded more explicit.

2. The polio data in the first para of the Background also needs to be updated.

3. The last para of the backgound says "explore" several times...Perhaps you mean examine? a bit less fuzzy. Maybe also change "We believe" to "Our hypothesis is.."

4. I would make the last paragraph of the Background more explicit and read through the paper and look at whether you are really discussing what you set out to do.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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'