Reviewer's report

Title: Knowledge and performance of the Ethiopian health extension workers on antenatal and delivery care: a cross sectional study

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1. Question posed: Research topic is very important as primary health care delivery is important for the countries where health services delivery are very poor.

2. Methods: It is not very clear which method is used for data collection—whether the questionnaire was printed and filled in or it was filled in asking questions from the mobile and filled in mobile and then data is imported data for analysis from mobile. Whether investigator filled in questionnaires personally interviewing face to face or on mobile phone talk.

There is discrepancy writing about phone interviews in abstract and in main text it is mentioned paper questionnaire.

Sampling procedure adopted to select 50 HEWs out of 68 HEWs is not detailed.

195,000 – may be the population covered by 39 Health posts and not the patients.

3. Data: is adequately analyzed and used.

4. Manuscript adherence: yes

5. Discussions and conclusions: They are adequately based on data.

6. Title and abstract: yes

7. Writing: English needs refining

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