Reviewer's report

Title: Postoperative outcome of caesarean sections and other major emergency obstetric surgery by clinical officers and medical officers in Malawi.

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Reviewer: Roland Edgar MHLANGA

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General
The authors must include the criteria for adjudging mild or severe complications, such as fever, so that the reader can see that the comparison was "like with like".

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

The table for the criteria is essential for a decision to be made

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

As above

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An exceptional article

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.