Reviewer's report

Title: Verbal Autopsy completion rate and factors associated with undetermined cause of death in rural poor resource setting of Tanzania

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This paper still remains important in providing insight into factors affecting full coverage of verbal autopsy diagnoses, and limitations to the use of verbal autopsy-based cause of death data from sub-Saharan Africa.

Major Compulsory Edits

It is difficult to tell from the version of the document with track changes whether the substantial editing done has appreciably improved the clarity and language of the paper, but it would appear that it had not.

The method and result section has been improved.

In spite of a statement to that effect in the cover letter, the regression analysis of adult deaths still does not include age at death as an explanatory variable in the multivariate analysis.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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