Reviewer’s report

Title: Use of the modified World Health Organization (WHO) partograph during labour in public health institutions of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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We continue to learn that “real world” experience does not necessarily follow evidence-based practices. And while this is not a comparative study showing differences in outcomes, the poor use of the WHO sanctioned partogram suggests the need for ongoing analysis as to why the lack of utilization and should inform further research. The paper requires “tight” editing but, I believe is should be published.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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:

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