Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Availability and components of maternity services according to providers and users perspectives in North Gondar, Northwest Ethiopia

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Minor Essential Revisions

Abstract

Methods
Line 2: can you please specify the language used. "kebele" means clusters or districts? For me you have to give more precision about this.

Background
paragraph 2, line 4: it is about the recall. did you meet some difficulties? give precision?

Paragraph 3: you performed observation. can please give more precision how you do it and how you analyze the information?

line 6: precise the number of clients interviewed

Paragraph 5: did you translate the content of the ethic form for clients? in my experience this was always a challenge particularly with non educated clients. they still think that they are face to health providers and they obliged to agreed to participated. after signed, if you ask them to explain what they understand and why they sign, you realize that it is just a formality.

Conclusion: I think you must discuss more the results. You have good results and it is possible for you to make strong recommendations or propositions for policy makers. also, to achieve MDG, skilled birth attendance could be a good strategy and you must evoked it in your discussion or conclusion.

Annex

Table 2: please review the alignment of the numbers.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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