Reviewer’s report

Title: Perspectives of professionals participating in the Brazilian Network for the Surveillance of Severe Maternal Morbidity regarding the implementation of routine surveillance: a descriptive study

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The manuscript “Perspectives of professionals participating in the Brazilian Network for the Surveillance of Severe Maternal Morbidity regarding the implementation of routine surveillance: a descriptive study” attempts to evaluate the perspective of the professionals who participated in the Brazilian Network for the Surveillance of Severe Maternal Morbidity considering the process of surveillance, its facilities and barriers to implement this project and how give continuity to the surveillance process.

Major compulsory revision

Methods: In the literature, some authors of qualitative studies choose to adopt one model framework for assessing contributing factors related to the object of the study, for example: knowledge – attitudes- behavior framework to classify barriers to clinical guideline adherence.

Is there a model framework utilized in this study? If there is a model, then the authors should clearly describe it.

“Methods” is a bit too brief. It would be more clear if the authors explain more details about the qualitative approach, in “Methods paragraph 1”.

Also, It would be more clear if the authors explain more details about how were defined the categories of analyses in “Methods paragraph 8”.

Minor

Title: Since the main title is clear, probably “qualitative study” instead of “descriptive study” reflects better the paper content..

Background : There is some missing information to corroborate the explanation of the context. For example: what is the reduction of the maternal mortality in Brazil in the same period related in paragraph 3? Currently, what is maternal mortality rate in Brazil?

Methods: There is also some missing information to corroborate the data like, for example: How many teaching and non-teaching hospitals are included in these 27 centers related in paragraph 2? The interviews lasted how long in paragraph 4? What is other characteristics related to the respondents (age, gender, profession) in paragraph 6?
Results: Some answers of the respondents are too long and there are some repeated ideas, especially when it is described the barriers that involve colleagues in the project.

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

**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