Reviewer's report

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Title: Health Facility –based data on women receiving sulphadoxine-pyrimethamine for intermittent preventive treatment of malaria during pregnancy in Tanzania: lessons to learn from Mkuranga and Mufindi districts.

This manuscript related to health facility –based data on women receiving IPT to assess the quality of the IPTp data usually reported in the health management information in Tanzania. Results of this study may be useful to develop strategies targeting data management and use at the maternal and child health settings. However, I have some comments and questions to the authors:

1. **Major Compulsory Revisions : 0**

2. **Minor Essential Revisions**

   1. How do the authors recommend reducing workload at the MCH services? Since the integration of services should reduce burden of work for the providers. Authors are suggesting adding tables /cells with spaces for recording actual gestational ages …” why are you suggesting this if this information can be found in the ANC cards?

2. The paper needs additional work in terms of editing:
   a. Page 14: Please correct the mistake: “It was confirmed by national …..”

   b. On the same page, next sentence: “… the evaluation of the performance in e for the respective....”

   c. Page 15, Section related to Data actually documented…, second sentence: ANC clients who were registered to r have....”

   d. Etc..

3. **Discretionary Revisions**

   In the case of HIV positive pregnant women taking cotrimoxazole, there is no needs for IPTs, how did the authors deal with this case in terms of considering such women as not taking IPTs or missing data?

   Thanks

   John Ditekemena
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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