Reviewer's report

Title: Knowledge of obstetric danger signs and birth preparedness practices among women in rural Uganda

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This is an interesting article that examines knowledge of danger signs and birth preparedness.

Major Compulsory Revisions:

1. Please clarify how the "key" danger signs were selected for each phase. Are these based on the major causes of death?
2. Please clarify how questions about knowledge of danger signs were asked - were they spontaneous or probed or both?
3. Were birth outcomes or experience with pregnancy included in the analysis? This may influence how women remembered/recalled knowledge of danger signs and birth preparedness behaviors.
4. One issue about examining birth preparedness and knowledge of danger signs retrospectively (among women with recent deliveries) is that it is difficult to know if the knowledge was acquired before or after delivery (reverse causality). It is important to mention this in the limitations section.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests