Reviewer’s report

Title: The growth of a culture of evidence-based obstetrics in South Africa: a qualitative case study

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This is a very well performed and written article on a qualitative study focusing the history of development and practice of evidence based obstetrics in South Africa, a country with a large tradition on the topic. The manuscript is well designed and developed, giving a clear idea of the whole process. I have just some few comments:

- Major compulsory revisions: none

- Minor essential revisions: in the abstract, please written full the meaning of LMICs, because this is the first time it appears. In the Methods session, Data collection topic, paragraphs on Interviews (page 5 and 6) should better explain why 15 subjects (researchers) were interviewed. Was the sample size estimated before or did the authors use the principle of saturation for stopping the enrollment of subjects? Was there any reason for the proportion of 4 midwives and 11 obstetricians?

- Discretionary Revisions: none

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