Reviewer’s report

Title: Determinants of uptake of maternal health guidelines in Kosovo: qualitative study

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This is an interesting and well written manuscript.

1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined? Yes

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work? Yes

3. Are the data sound and well controlled? Yes, though I would value more quotes, particularly to support the results of the interviews.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes

7. Is the writing acceptable? Yes

Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None

Minor Essential Revisions

It would be useful to define the terms “adaptation” and “contextualization” and explain if/how they differ.

Note that the quotes in the Results are from the translators (if this is correct!).

Discretionary Revisions
The last sentence on page 4 (At the global level, the maternal mortality rate has decreased at an average of less than 1% annually between 1990 and 2005, far below the 5.5% annual decline that would be necessary to achieve United Nations (UN) Millennium Development Goal 5, which focuses on improving maternal health.) might sit more naturally with other comments about the importance and difficult of improving maternal health on page 3 (e.g. One of the most challenging KT problems is to reduce high rates of maternal and perinatal mortality and morbidity, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).) or perhaps as a separate paragraph leading into the information about maternal health in Kosovo.

Perhaps comment on why the CAN-IMPLEMENT framework was chosen.

**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