Reviewer’s report

Title: A woman’s worth: An access framework for integrating Emergency Medicine with Maternal Health to reduce the burden of maternal mortality in sub-Saharan Africa

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Reviewer: Alaa Oteir

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Dear editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the paper entitled "A woman's worth: An access framework for integrating Emergency Medicine with Maternal Health to reduce the burden of maternal mortality in sub-Saharan Africa" (EMMD-D-19-00042)

Overall the manuscript aims are very important for the region of sub saharan Africa. Some suggestions and edits are below:

Abstract

* a structured abstract including specific subheading may improve the clarity of the proposed framework in this section

Body of the manuscript:

* I advice the authors that the background section/body of the manuscript to be divided into sections under specific subheadings such as background, methods setting, proposed framework ….etc

* A summary of the project aim before going into the methodology is important

* Setting subheading (as mentioned) is needed to describe the EMS system as well as identifying the sub-saharan Africa are for interested readers

* Page 3. Line41: "curriculums" should be spelled as "curricula"

* The proposed curricula should also focus on the services provided for maternal emergencies
More details on measuring the outcome of normalization is required

In the Reaching Care-Availability and Accommodation and Affordability section (page 3, line 56)

what do you mean by accommodation?

I believe other outcome measures should be considered for this section such as number dispatches, type of dispatch …etc

The Third Delay (Phase III): Receiving Care-Appropriateness (Page4: line22)

How would you measure advancement and the success in this phase?

Note: this mentioned in the conceptual framework but not explicitly clear in the text

References:

Please double check the style and accessibility of reference no 1

Overall

There are many of definitions within the manuscript (including prehospital time periods, availability and accessibility). These many definition make somehow difficult the read through. There for a summary table and paraphrasing these paragraphs are advised for easier reading

Kindest regards

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

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