Reviewer’s report

Title: Early and late mortality after malaria in young children in Papua, Indonesia

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Yes - there is a clear objective

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Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable

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Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: The paper has been substantially improved and now addresses most of my
concerns. My remaining concerns are mainly typos and some grammatical errors and not technical issues.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

- The most important of these is that species names should be spelled in full at first mention, thereafter all the names are to be abbreviated, i.e. Plasmodium falciparum, (first mention)…changes to P. falciparum throughout the manuscript.
- Figure 1 to be improved. The information presented in the boxes are blurred. Also, rework figure 2A, particularly if you could improve on values on the axis to ensure clarity for lower values.
- Note: "Figure 2" is spelled incorrectly as "Figure2".
- Moreover, the authors must check all references because in some the journal names are abbreviated, while in others the names are written in full.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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