Reviewer's report

Title: Accessibility and Potency of Uterotonic Drugs purchased by Simulated Clients in Four Districts in India

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This is an adequately designed study and addresses the relevant problem of medicines used for the prevention and management of post partum hemorrhage. The topic is of suitable for study as decreasing the incidence of PPH is of utmost importance for decreasing maternal mortality in India.

In the design of the study, I would like to ask about the inclusion of epidosin (valethamate bromide) which is not an oxytocic agent. Instead, in its place, newer agents like carbetocin and carboprost availability and potency could be assessed.

Regarding the sampling areas in the study, I would like to suggest that these medicines are in hospital supply and would therefore be unavailable in the pharmacies as their demand would be less. This may lead to a bias showing its unavailability in most of the pharmacies. Also, I would like to suggest to include the inbuilt-pharmacies in the private facilities in a subsequent study and estimate the difference.

Apart from these two points, the study serves its aims and objectives well.

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