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Title: Knowledge and provision of misoprostol among pharmacy workers in Senegal: a cross sectional study

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I disagree with this comment in the conclusions of the abstract and conclusion of the paper that - "Knowledge and availability of misoprostol in pharmacies in Senegal is inadequate to address high maternal mortality" - think it makes more sense to end full stop with Senegal." You haven't demonstrated and no study has demonstrated, I believe, that knowledge and availability of miso in pharmacies will address maternal mortality.

Line 122 - should specify "PPH prevention" the study did not assess costs for PPH treatment.

Line 345/346- pls specify PPH prevention

Line 352 - my understanding is that the govt norms and protocols now allow miso for PAC, so I don't think its correct to say here that "standard PAC" is surgical. Maybe you should touch on why this evidence based update hasn't been spread across the country so that people know that it can be done.

Line 425/426 "There is an urgent need to boost access to misoprostol in Senegal as a strategy for reducing maternal mortality from PPH and complications of unsafe abortion." - I suggest editing so that you conclusion somehow mentions role of pharmacists since that is what your study was about. But, again, I am not sure that this study, while informative about what pharmacists know
and don't know about miso's uses and what they say they actual provide it for makes a leap to a conclusion about mortality. I think it makes more sense to conclude with something along the lines of educating pharmacists and pharmacy workers about misoprostol, its indications for use and the correct dosages for each indication, could help efforts to improve access to this important reproductive health commodity in Senegal."

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