Reviewer’s report

Title: A CROSS SECTIONAL STUDY OF MATERNAL NEAR MISS AND MORTALITY AT A RURAL TERTIARY CENTRE IN SOUTHERN NIGERIA

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Reviewer: Stacie Geller

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Thank you again for the opportunity to review this manuscript. This revised version is much improved from previous iterations. As such, I am suggesting minor revisions for the authors to consider:

BACKGROUND (para 1): Regarding the statement of the "attainment of the Millennium Development Goals," it sounds as if all goals, 1-8, were achieved. Given that this is not the case, I suggest re-wording this sentence to state: Although there has been some progress in Nigeria in reaching the maternal health Millennium Development Goals, there is still an urgent need to sustain and increase the quality, availability, and accessibility of maternal and child health commodities, given the failure to attain the standards set forth by the MDGs.

BACKGROUND (para 1): The MDG report published by the United Nations Development Programme indicates that the country's MMR is 243/100,000 (http://www.ng.undp.org/content/nigeria/en/home/library/mdg/nigeria-mdg-report/). This is different for the estimates provided in the background section.

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