Reviewer’s report

Title: Adverse pregnancy outcomes, ‘stillbirths and early neonatal deaths’ in Mutare district, Zimbabwe (2014): a descriptive study.

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Reviewer: David Ellwood

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Thank you for making the substantial revisions to this manuscript. I am now of the view that these data are much better presented in this manner and it is acceptable for publication. One minor point relates to your statement in line 260. You say that the rate of perinatal mortality would be higher if all of the data for the regional primary care facilities were included, but is it not the case that the uncomplicated births are more likely to occur outside hospital, and therefore the overall perinatal mortality rate for the population should be lower than the 15.6% quoted for these two facilities? I appreciate that you may be underestimating the rate for the two facilities due to the 20% excluded from the analysis, but I would have thought it was likely that the less complicated births which occurred at the primary health care facilities and at home may have had better overall outcomes as they did not need to be transferred in.

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