Reviewer’s report

Title: Mothers’ satisfaction with care during facility-based childbirth: a cross-sectional survey in southern Mozambique

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Reviewer: Leonardo Chavane

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The issue of users’ satisfaction with maternal health services is of high importance in the country. I would like to congratulate the authors for their contribution with such an appealing paper. I do have a few specific comments as following:

1. Page 5, Line 108... you mention Rural as one of the Hospitals Categories. Although this has been an official classification in the country, this is no longer used, and for the benefit of the readers, I would recommend considering the rural in the group of District hospitals. In fact, Rural Hospital was used to name the District Hospital serving more than one District and wasn't related to the location (Rural or Urban).

2. I’m concerned with your statement/conclusion ..."A strategy to promote childbirth care in equipped hospitals rather than in primary facilities should consider women's preferences and needs, including being able to have a companion of choice during childbirth..." Can you please clarify the message, as I am understanding that you are backing the recommendation to promote more deliveries at Hospital level instead of Primary level (Health Centers)? Is this the message you intend to deliver or I’m getting it wrong. In any case, can you elaborate a bit more in your discussion about the option of pushing the deliveries to the higher level of care bearing in mind the current distribution of health facilities in such setting and also the issue of equity. According to the national policy in Mozambique, the Health Centers (Rural Type II) are the place where the majority of deliveries should happen. Thus, maybe the move should in upgrading these facilities and keep normal deliveries at primary health care facilities instead of trying to promote deliveries in hospitals.

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