Reviewer's report

Title: Still births, neonatal deaths and neonatal near miss cases attributable to severe obstetric complications: a prospective cohort study in two referral hospitals in Uganda

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
  The statistics on concerning obstructed labour and sever obstructed labour must be addressed
  The statistics on following items mentioned earlier- obstetric haemorrhage, hypertensive disorders in pregnancy, obstructed labour, chorioamnionitis and pregnancy-specific complications such as malaria, anemia and premature rupture of membranes, should be provided or accounted/explained appropriately

- Minor Essential Revisions
  Author should reference the statement (discussion)- While a study in six developing countries showed that training on Essential Newborn Care (including training on basic resuscitation) had no effect on early neonatal mortality, it revealed significant reduction in the rate of fresh stillbirths primarily fresh.

  Author should recalculate and correct the figures as shown below-
  Line 48 (Results)- Of the remainder, there were 2142 (69.1%) deliveries. This should actually be 73.1%, considering that the denominator should be 2908 and not 3100. Please check again and confirm.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'