Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Home visits and Village Health Team consultations, a well-accepted method for improving communication about maternal and newborn care practices in Masindi and Kiryandongo districts, Uganda

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**Reviewer:** Rajendra Karkee

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**Major comments:**
This article is well written but discusses the broad areas in maternal and newborn care practices, not only improving communication method but about perceived benefits of interventions. In that sense, title should be modified. Since there are many perceptions with broad topics, the aims should be specifically formulated so that readers can follow easily.

**Minor comments:**
(Line 32): Since the authors use ‘Village Health Teams’, I suggest to explain it in brackets and use this term consistently later.
Line 45: what do the authors mean by positive attitudinal change regarding maternal and newborn care?
Line 96: Please make clear “whose perceived maternal and newborn benefits have been explored?” In data collection and analysis sections, there are several categories of perceptions. This is also evident in the result sections. So, explain your aims more specifically.

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

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