Reviewer’s report

Title: Home based records for poor mothers and children in Afghanistan, a cross sectional population based study

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Reviewer: Asieh Moudi

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1. Reported eligibility criteria do not match.

2. It's better to be explained about the effect of using the handbook on quality or quantity of care.

3. It's better to be explained about the factors affecting the distribution, retention and use of the handbook

4. Statistical tests have been reported to compare districts and demographic characteristics.

5. Pvalue of the characteristics of the districts (table1) and Characteristics of MCH handbook respondents by district (table 2) and Characteristics of MCH handbook respondents by maternal wealth status (table 3) and table 4 have not been reported.

6. Despite the secondary objectives, the association between socio demographic variables and MCH handbook retention and use has not been done by regression test.

7. It is better to discuss the reasons for the better results of this study than to DHS.

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