Reviewer’s report

Title: Surmounting difficulties to provide home based neonatal care - reflections of community health workers

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The article ‘Surmounting difficulties to provide home based neonatal care - reflections of community health workers’ is well-organized with clearly identified methodology. It clearly shows that community health workers play an important role in improving the health of pregnant women and their newborns. However, they do encounter challenges in trying to provide care. The article is clear and easy to understand, however, there were some lines in the article that did not read well. These are outlined below:

Page 7: Line 7

In a landmark study demonstrated reduced neonatal mortality by the home based neonatal care model delivered through the CHW.

Page 12. Line 11

Are view of the data for how Sakhis facilitated a change in these practices showed that, in addition to conducting group-based educational activities that targeted change in entire community, .....

Page 14. Line 6

In this situation, using an analogy, a Sakhis explained her about the need to take medication by comparing change in farming practice with the change in method of caring for a pregnant woman.

Page 21. Line 3

The role of a supportive network would be crucial as they fell back on the supervisors when faced with operational and clinical difficulties.
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