Reviewer’s report

Title: Trends in Comprehensive Abortion Care (CAC) and Characteristics of Women Receiving abortion care in Tertiary Hospital in Nepal.

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Reviewer: Sam Rowlands

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This is a retrospective case note review of abortion care at a single hospital in Nepal over a ten-year period. There are some problems with this paper and I cannot recommend publication in its present form.

The grammar needs attention - in particular the definite and indefinite article are missing throughout.

Readers would benefit from some explanation of the ethnic groups in Table 1.

The author refers to the prevalence of abortion complications - this should be incidence.

The references are somewhat dated and there are several transcription errors.

All five Figures need legends - I would question the need for Figure 1.

Developing countries are often referred to as low-resource countries these days.

According to Ganatra et al in the Lancet 2017, 24.3 million abortions in low resource countries are unsafe (reference 1 is dated).

Nepalese references 2 - 4 are all 5 - 10 years old.

The author has missed the systematic review of mid-level providers by Sjostrom et al in BJOG in 2017.

Two key WHO documents are not cited: Clinical practice handbook for safe abortion 2014 and Health worker roles in providing safe abortion care and post-abortion contraception 2015.

The internationally accepted abbreviation for an intrauterine device is IUD.

Although nurses and doctors in the study perform treatments at different gestations, I think some attempt should be made to determine the significance of the difference in complication rates.

Modern guidelines do not recommend the routine use of the uterotonic methylergonovine.
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