Reviewer’s report

Title: Routine health information system utilization and factors associated thereof among health workers at government health institutions in East Gojjam Zone, Northwest Ethiopia

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This is a cross-sectional study where the authors surveyed health care workers on their utilization of health information and analyzed the factors correlated with higher utilization in Ethiopia.

The use of health care data by health workers is important as it can support improvement of health care delivery.

The authors report a low use of health information compared to other countries in the region.

Although my knowledge of health information systems and utilization in developing countries is limited, I understand that with the resources being more limited, there are more barriers compared to post-industrialized countries. The results of relative poor utilization of health information may in part reflect the level of development of the country's infrastructures and resources. In a context where the Ethiopian government has made health information systems a priority, such a study is an important assessment of the current situation. More importantly will be the follow-up evaluation of targeted initiatives meant to increase health information capacity and utilization.

The paper would benefit from addressing the policy context both current and future in both the introduction and the discussion sections.

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