Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions

Dear Authors

Thank you for this opportunity to review your original qualitative manuscript with title of "Midwives' Expectations and Challenges for Professional Development in Urban Tanzania: a qualitative study". Your manuscript has good information regarding Africa health system especially about midwifery, I have some suggestions, please follow them and correct according comments.

1-This manuscript is too wordy, please revise it and remove repeated sentences.
2-Please exactly define the kind of your qualitative approach in the method section, for example content analysis, grounded theory, phenomenology or other kind of qualitative approach.
3-Your data gathering method was focus group and so 2 individual interviews, please explain regarding FG, how often did you have FG?
4-During in depth interview, 30 – 60 minutes may be unsuitable.
5-Please remove the parenthesis statement to short your manuscript.
6-In page 4-5 writing the definition is not necessary, please remove definition section.
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8-There are not any Appendixes that you referred in manuscript.
9- Readers could not understand the midwifery professional development, please explain your meaning of "professional development".

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interest.