Reviewer’s report

Title: The exit interview as a proxy measure of malaria case management practice: Sensitivity and specificity relative to direct observation

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Reviewer: Enyi Etiaba

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Methods (Line 112)- There should be a brief insight into the methods used and why only data from the first three years were used for this study.
2. (Line 127) Were the surveys in the different years carried out under identical conditions?
3. Line 152- Were all febrile patients consecutively interviewed, if not what was the eligibility criteria. When febrile are are not diagnosed with malaria after consultation, are they still included in the study, its not very clear.
4. Line 269-271. This disparity in sample sizes was not mentioned earlier in the results section. If the sample sizes for various analysis differ from the overall reported sample size (N), it should be reflected in the various tables and results.
5. Were health workers blinded in order to reduce the "social desirability bias”?

Minor Essential Revisions
1. It will be good to state the individual sample sizes for different variables, where they differ from the original sample size.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
There are no competing interests.