Reviewer's report

Title: Patterns and determinants of care seeking for obstetric complications in rural northwest Bangladesh: Analysis from a prospective cohort study

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Minor Essential Revisions
1. lines 203-211: Again I would not rely on readers knowing the SARA measure of availability of BemOC vs CEmOC facilities and suggest spelling this out in the document.

2. Lines 174-8 and 247-249 and Figure 3: I still do not understand how 10,380 women with ob complications and 1004 reporting near miss, add to 10,580 women with data on care seeking. Perhaps you can clarify further?

3. line 257: "both partners wanting a pregnancy." I think you have deleted elsewhere pregnancy wantedness by husband as the woman is stating this information; if so, this statement would best also reflect just the woman’s pregnancy wantedness.

4. You mention in the conclusion that you used a detailed maternal morbidity module; it would be good to describe this in the Methods section as well.

5. "Data", the word used throughout the article, is typically plural, but most often you use a singular verb.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.