Reviewer's report

Title: Haiti and the health marketplace: The role of the private, informal market in filling the gaps left by the state

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Major comments

1. Results: Direct quotations presented as findings require a proper identification.
2. Methods: It is unclear if the documentary review was done prior, after, or concurrently with the interviews and how you triangulated data.
3. Methods: Can you clarify the coding/data analysis strategy used and whether data analysis was done with a program (if so which one), this is especially important given that analysis seems to have been done on transcripts in two languages, instead of translating all the documents into the same language to facilitate analysis.
4. Ethics: It is still not clear to me why written consent was not obtained, was there a specific reason why only oral consent was obtained, especially since there was no ethical review done in Haiti. And who witnessed the reading of the information sheet?
5. Methods: Language of the topic guide and information sheet?
6. Discussion: There is a need to clarify the statement in the section on limitations that reads: "Secondly, while the approach allowed the collection of rich, qualitative information the study was also constrained by the unevenness of the available information, resulting in uneven insights in relation to the market segments." I do not understand this can you rephrase?

Minor comments

1. page 2, sentence with reference 8 - this sentence is incomplete.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.