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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Looks good to me - quite interesting and important findings. I just have two last comments:

1. Ethics: For me, that "informants are senior personnel in national or international agencies, responsible for the health systems issues they will be discussing" is not a rationale for not getting written informed consent, especially given this involves research done in an LMIC. There are some acceptable reasons for getting verbal (e.g. illiterate participants). I also did not see any reason for not providing a French version of the information sheet. Perhaps this is due to ethics going through a social science committee (I am familiar with Faculty of Medicine reviews) - but as this is a Health Service journal I will let the editors address this further if/as needed.

Discretionary

2. Citations - usually citations used for findings include a reference to the coded transcripts in brackets following the quote (cf. other qualitative articles in this journal).

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'