Reviewer's report

Title: Costs of postabortion care in public sector health facilities in Malawi: a cross-sectional survey

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Reviewer: Ellen Wiebe

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General:

This is an important and well-written paper that could help inform policy.

Answers to questions:

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Yes, as far as I could tell. I do not know those statistical programs.
3. Are the data sound? They appear sound, but I do not have the economics and statistical knowledge to be sure.
4. Do the figures appear to be genuine, i.e. without evidence of manipulation? Yes
5. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes
6. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes, but the sentence about overall benefit (314) needs to be clarified.
7. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes
8. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes
9. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes
10. Is the writing acceptable? Yes

Details:

94-“One in five” of all abortions or of those treated in health facilities?
314 – Clarify the benefits of reducing costs for PAC and moving that funding to other reproductive care.