Reviewer’s report

Title: Health System Preparedness for Integration of Mental Health Services in Rural Liberia

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Reviewer: Wendel Abel

Reviewer's report:

Thanks for the opportunity to review this article.

It is a good article and provides useful information from a low resourced non-Western country. If authors address these concerns, this would be a useful addition to the literature.

I highlight the strengths in the work.

1. Literature review: Good. Adequate exploration of data from low resourced non-Western country.

2. Methods: Appropriate use of qualitative methods which are clearly explained.

Some Areas the need to be addressed

1. Title: The title is too cumbersome and could be simplified

2. Methods: 3 counties were studied. The reason for including River Gee and Grand Kuru not clear.

3. Data: Map useful but not absolutely necessary.

4. Table 1: Too lengthy, could be simplified.

5. Discussion: Limitations of study could be highlighted.

6. Conclusion: The conclusion that "developing effective primary care mental health services in a post-conflict, West African, low resource setting etc., " is not logically explained.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes
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