Reviewer’s report

Title: Beyond coverage: Improving the quality of antenatal care delivery through integrated mentorship and quality improvement at health centers in rural Rwanda

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The overall structure of the paper:

The paper is well written and addresses an important area which needs much attention to improve maternal health outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa. Attention should be given to grammatical errors throughout the whole document but this does not dent or affect the message provided by this article.

Introduction:

The introduction to the study is well written and covers aspects of what was done in the past and what the gaps are in this field of study.

Methodology:

1. Line 26: It would be nice to explain what knowledge these A2-level nurses possess to can be able to be tasked with provision of health services in Rwanda. This is a worrying factor because they are of majority in terms of the explanation given in the methodology.

Results:

1. The results are well presented and interpreted.

2. It will be of interest to know if there was any differences in the findings with regard to the level of education for the nurses. What is the level of completeness of ANC assessments between A2 and A1 trained nurses?
Discussion:

1. The discussion is well written and has covered the limitations which had been encountered during the study which might affect generalizability of the findings.

Consent to participate:

1. Line 24: Scientifically and ethically it is not allowed to conduct research without the consent of the participant. Why were there participants not given consent forms to sign before participating in the study?

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