Reviewer’s report

Title: DECIDE: A cluster-randomized controlled trial to reduce unnecessary caesarean deliveries in Burkina Faso

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Thank you for addressing my suggestions regarding this important paper. If possible could you clarify one point that was not clear to me on re-reading (results):

"The intervention 346 did not significantly affect the rate of maternal death (Adjusted OR 0.32; 95% CI 0.04 to 47 2.23; p=0.253) or intrapartum-related neonatal death (Adjusted OR 1.73; 95% CI 0.82 to 348 3.66; p=0.149)

It would be useful to have the actual numbers of maternal and intrapartum-related NND's in the text and in the abstract, and add that the non-significance of the trends found does not exclude the possibility of differences as the trial was not powered for these outcomes.

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