Reviewer’s report

Title: The role and scope of practice of midwives in humanitarian settings: a systematic review and content analysis

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You have nicely covered various issues surrounding midwifery practice and its implications in humanitarian settings within the broader context of international standards. I would also suggest you to look at the congruence of national guidelines and scope of their work and how it matches with the international guidelines and minimum service package to affect the practice in the real life situation.

It is interesting to get to know about the range of issues surfaced in the study which will really be important for the policy makers to know and respond to in their context.

At the time of reading the findings, I felt a bit confused and went back to the title and introduction of the manuscript to know what key issues this manuscript intends to deal with, which are role and scope of the midwife in humanitarian setting. I would prefer to rearrange the findings into most prominent roles emerging from the review and content analysis. On collaboration, I would prefer to identify major areas of collaboration and conflicts with co-workers. Later in the discussion section, it would be great to discuss the key emergent areas in the light of international standards and guidelines.

From the readers' perspectives, I would say to clearly identify the gaps in the practice and highlight it in the box. Also it will be useful to club together the issues and challenges in collaborations.

You have done a great job and I feel rearranging the text and reducing the size of the manuscript to keep it concise will be useful.

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