Reviewer’s report

Title: Stakeholders' perceptions of policy options to support the integration of community health workers in health systems

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Summary

The study in essence tries to assess the views and opinions of stakeholders from LMICs and other parts of the world regarding factors that needs to be considered before community health workers can be formally integrated into the health systems of countries with human resource for health shortage. The authors make use of online questionnaire to assess this. I think the study takes a novel approach and is a good contribution to the field.

Major revision

No clear research question

Poor descriptive data presentation i.e use charts, graphs, piechart etc where appropriate rather than just tables

Did not discuss in the background ethical issues and patient safety that may arise from the practice and malpractice of CHW

Minor revision

Including CHW as stakeholders may need to be stated as a limitation of the study as it did introduce bias

Exact questionnaire used needs to be shared as supplementary material

I think the lead author working for WHO and doing a research using WHO guideline draft needs to be stated as a possible conflict of interest

Discretionary revision

Version of Microsoft excel used and whether survey monkey used was the free or paid version.
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