Reviewer's report

Title: Policy review on the management of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia by community health workers in Mozambique

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. The manuscript presented the history of the CHW role in Mozambique and in the latter half of the analysis, described this role in relation to maternal health. Overall, the manuscript was well written and interesting to read, however, the relevance of study findings is less clear. In particular, the bulk of the study findings, do not seem relevant to the stated aim of the review, which was to "identify and characterize the health policies related to the role of CHWs in the management of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia in Mozambique."

The Abstract and background sections are clearly written. The background effectively describes the issue of maternal mortality and makes the case for the importance of the CHW role.

Page 3 line 36: "the majority of maternal deaths, 66%, occur in Sub-Saharan Africa" - is this 66% of maternal deaths in Africa?

I suggest adding some general information about what a CHW is at the end of the background section to provide context for readers unfamiliar with this role.

Page 12 line 7: "workers decreased due to…APEs continued…” suggest using CHWs here to be consistent throughout the manuscript.

In the discussion, the authors again present a compelling case for the expansion of the CHW role to include management of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia. However, the discussion does not consistently relate back to study findings. Perhaps if the focus of the manuscript could be adjusted to discuss the evolution of the CHW role in Mozambique, paying particular attention to the gaps in service (i.e., maternal health) and barriers to addressing these gaps, the manuscript would be more cohesive.
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