Reviewer’s report

Title: Reducing maternal and newborn mortality in Nigeria – A qualitative study of stakeholders’ perceptions about the performance of community health workers and the introduction of community midwifery at primary healthcare level.

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Reviewer: Jonathan L Ajah

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I will like to commend the authors for trying to add to the body of knowledge.

I will to highlight a few points that needs to be addressed

The title is not well crafted; Something like

"Prevention and Control Of Maternal and Child Mortality In Nigeria Through Community Midwifery using Community Health Extension Workers As Primary Providers; An Investigation of the Perception Of Stakeholders In Two States

75 in the introduction needs to state that the other 7 or so health systems blocks in addition to Human Resource for health that is hindering progress towards SDG in LMICS.

133 under study sites made mention of religion in the study but did not elaborate to what extent it would effect the outcome or expected outcome of the study.

More details on the purposive sampling technique used to allow replicability will be of importance to readers of the article

148; Under data collection; was quality assurance ensured with the interviewers ; where they certified, given standardized pre-interview training or briefing etc where their interview recorded and archived for possible review later for quality assurance

164 ;stakeholders did not include representative of patients group , the community or children

198–287 Unique identifiers could be use for each stakeholder , so that where two or more stakeholder share the the same or similar or different view point that can be highlighted to show similarity or even dissimilarity in perception

How does the community midwifery you described different from the already in existence Nigeria Midwife service scheme in
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