Reviewer’s report

Title: Task shifting for point-of-care early infant diagnosis: a comparison of the quality of testing between nurses and laboratory personnel in Zimbabwe.

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Reviewer: E Tuyishime

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Thank you for sharing the results of your task shifting program.

On line 46-47 about study site: Can you describe more the settings of the study about location, number of staff, and population served.

In section on Measures: It would be helpful to describe the level of education, number of years of work experience, and number of staff in each facility. These factors can inform the decision to choose someone for task shifting.

In laboratory method section you mention the Zimbabwe National Quality Assurance Program (ZINQAP). Please describe briefly about this program to help other teams to replicate this.

On last line of discussion you mention task shifting as a good intervention: Describe some negative consequences of task shifting to be considered before implementing the program.

Also describe limitations related to the study design like accuracy and completeness of data.

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