Reviewer's report

Title: The factors affecting the institutionalization of two policy units in Burkina Faso's health system: a case study

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Very interesting findings. The methods section is well developed and I have particularly read the manuscript with interest. But, I am not satisfied with the results section. In the first case, there is no quotes. I think the particularity of the qualitative research is to highlight numbers or give more understanding of a phenomenon. The institutionalization of the two unit is well described by the missing thing is the place of the interviewees. Let them talk. In the second case, you try a bit to cite them but it is enough for me. Please use your material to support some of your ideas or results.

One other thing is the position of ZA as participant-observer: for me this is not a strength but should be mention as a weakness of the study. To be really objective in that case is very difficult even if you used an independent reviewer during analysis an interpretation.

There is one sentence I can't understand: ligne 246-248: it seems there is a contradiction.

line 684: "father". it seems to be a mistake

As general comment: The reference period is a bit far and it seems that many things have changed nowadays with the studied units. With the turning over in the ministry of health and also the change on the denomination of main services and units, this research have the merit to inform decision and policy makers on the factors important to be taken account for the institutionalization of units.
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