Reviewer’s report

Title: Studying social accountability in the context of health system strengthening: innovations and considerations for future work

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Reviewer: Ruth Chadwick

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This is an interesting piece which could in my view be accepted in its current form but which would benefit from some minor revisions.

The first point is that the keywords do not match up very well with the body of the text. Maternal health, for example, is given as a keyword but is hardly mentioned in the text (as opposed to the references), except to say that there was significant representation in this field at the WHO event.

I recommend saying more about this, perhaps introducing a case study of how social accountability has been used in this field. This could also have the benefit of making the paper more accessible to those unfamiliar with this approach.

The other points are more stylistic. The sentence on page 9 beginning 'Alternative CARE and World Vision' is not a complete sentence, it does not make sense, and has a reference missing.

On page 11 there is a short paragraph of only two lines. Could this be expanded (there is more that could be said) or incorporated into another paragraph?

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