Reviewer’s report

Title: Measuring adolescent friendly health services in India: A descriptive review of evaluations

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Reviewer: Douglas Hargreaves

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This is a clearly-written manuscript which addresses an important gap in the existing literature. I have only a few minor comments.

1. While the focus of this paper is rightly on the quality of evaluations, it would be useful to include a sentence or two in the abstract and conclusions that summarises what these evaluations have found. eg 'AFHS initiatives in India have been linked with improved healthcare quality and utilization, healthier behaviours (including condom use), increased knowledge; some studies have also shown a link with delayed first birth, reduced anaemia, fewer children and lower rates of child death.

   This might link well to an amended sentence saying that little is known about the quality of the evaluations or the generalisability of these findings.

2. Please clarify the comments in line 188, page 7 that 'few evaluations aimed to assess behavioural outcomes (eg condom or contraception use).

   It's not clear how this fits with the statement in the abstract (line 25) that 'many [study designs] showed increase in adolescent knowledge or health behaviours' or line 258 (page 10) 'the most common health outcomes evaluated were self-reported health behaviours such as condom or contraceptive use'.

3. A comment about the potential for publication bias to influence the findings of this study would be welcome, in addition to the limitations already mentioned (page 13).
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