Reviewer’s report

Title: Characteristics of female sexual dysfunctions and obstetric complications related to female genital mutilation in Omdurman maternity hospital, Sudan

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Review comments

Some general comments are that the study looks original and could add evidence into the field of sexual and obstetrical complications of FGM. However, the whole paper requires an over whole from the beginning to the end in terms of structure, clarity on study objectives, study method, sampling design so that the findings may be better understood.

Page 2 Line 6 - the authors need to be clear on the kind of method they used for the study. It is not possible to have 'descriptive case control' studies as they are both looking at different methodologies. 'Descriptive' investigates one case study while 'case control' has two different cases, cases as those with the outcome while controls are those without the outcome', are longitudinal, retrospective design.

Page 2 Line 11-16 - the objective of the study needs to be clearly spelt out. There is confusion between looking at 'characteristics of sexual dysfunction and obstetrical complications' with ….'to determine the attitude of women towards letting their daughters undergo FGM….'

Page 3 line 9-14 - the objective mentioned here is different from the one in the abstract.

Line 45 - it will be good if authors can use new data on global prevalence of FGM.

Line 56 - it is not clear whether the authors are describing this characteristic representing Sudan because the situation may be different in other FGM practicing communities in different countries

Page 4 line 21 - will the data only be useful to health planners alone? Explain clearly about the specific contributions of these findings in the fight against FGM. I thought strengthening management of FGM will be key from such a study

Line 21 - objectives in the abstract, plain english summary and in the study design and study area section are different.

Line 24 - this sentence implies two groups of women, those who are primigravida and those that had vaginal delivery, please clarify who the sample was
Page 5 line 5-6 - Clarify which FGM definition you are using and the source

Line 26 - clarify that data was entered, cleaned and verified before analysis

Line 36 - edit the sentence

Page 6 line 2-3 - cases are 230 or 320? Clarify

Line 22-27 - sentence not clear

Line 35 - Kindly rewrite this paragraph, the findings in order to make it more understandable about what complication with what percentages associated with it. as it reads it is confusing to the reader.

Line 47 - i expected to find out why this is an 'Interesting.' Finding but there is no explanation in this paper why this is so

Page 7 line 4 - edit the paragraph is doesn't sound correct making the findings difficult to understand. I suggest you write short sentences and structure the flow of thought

Page 8 line 2 - edit the sentence

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