Reviewer’s report

Title: 'Just because she's young, it doesn't mean she has to die': exploring the contributing factors to high maternal mortality in adolescents in Eastern Freetown; a qualitative study.

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The introduction does not reflect the rationale and implications of the study. It needs to be explicitly brought up the rationale for selecting lesser number of focus group discussions, especially considering the diverse groups interviewed is not clear. It’s not clear on why sample size was limited and if the sample size was saturated.

Analysis needs to specify if they had used a specific deductive or inductive approach. Research questions can be summarised in the background section only.

The results and discussion section are very lengthy can reduce and restrict it lesser number of key quotations and its synthesis.

As mentioned these are not causes of maternal mortality but factors contributing to teenage pregnancy and hence the death- this needs to be uniformly mentioned in the manuscript.

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