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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Reviewer: Vicky Nogueira-Pileggi

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This is a very important paper that states about an important issue of Public Health - maternal deaths.

My suggestion is to reduce the article focusing in the main objective of the paper. The aim is to understand the factors which put younger women to greater risk to maternal death and there is a long part that discuss about the causes of getting pregnant. My suggestion is to put this subject into another article and focus on the aim in the "vulnerability to maternal death once pregnant" part on this article.

Also, once the interviews and focus groups have been done with different people, it is important to know which line is referring to which individual (in the transcriptions). I would also suggest to explicit the lines reached in the interview of those reached in the focus groups once this could lead to bias of answers.

It is not mentioned where the interview were took place and if the interview was performed by one or more people in the room. My suggestion is to mention that to add clarity in the process of methodology.

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