Reviewer’s report

Title: Management and referral for high-risk conditions and complications during the antenatal period: Knowledge, practice and attitude survey of providers in rural public healthcare in two states of India

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Comments and required edits

Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. It aims to evaluate the providers' knowledge, attitudes and practices with respect to management of high risk pregnancy conditions and complications in a rural Indian setting. This was done through a survey of 147 providers at different facility types, as well as facility surveys, and a descriptive analysis of the gaps was provided. The study is an important addition to the literature - providing evidence that more needs to be done to reduce maternal deaths due to pregnancy complications. The study found significant gaps in essential knowledge and training for staff who are tasked with managing high risk pregnancies.

Edits

1. Abstract results section: add the actual numeric values as well as the text e.g. "n=xx (25%) mentioned screening for all common high-risk conditions."

2. Table 1 Mean years and S.E. but seems like confidence intervals or ranges are given

3. For some of the quality checks, it would have been ideal to have a checklist, say WHO or some other internationally recognized checklist for quality of care / facility readiness. This would help the reader compare the findings of this study to such list.

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