Reviewer’s report

Title: A study on the implementation fidelity of the performance-based financing policy in Burkina Faso after 12 months

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Dear Authors,

Thank you very much for the adaptations! I only have a few minor comments on typo's and extra references, after which I believe that the article should be ready for publication.

Thank you very much for this interesting read.

P3, Line 12: I wouldn't say limited as it seems there hasn't been any research. Maybe use 'unsatisfying', 'lacking', 'deficient', 'inadequate'... 'to really understand how PBF works' something like that?

P3, Line 16: Better and more recent references exist. Don't use the toolkit as a reference for a study. The following studies are more recent and more appropriate to refer to and make the point, I'm sure there are also studies from 2016 that can be included:

The effect of performance-based financing on maternal healthcare use in Burundi: a two-wave pooled cross-sectional analysis

Performance-based financing to increase utilization of maternal health services: Evidence from Burkina Faso

p3, Line 17-20: Typo? "more theoretical and qualitative..." what?

P3, Line 22-25: "Very few" is probably too strong, as you give 7 references immediately after it. Maybe it is better to be more specific: "Very few systematically investigate the implementation fidelity of PBF". Are all the references given studying the implementation fidelity or the effects of the implementation.

p3, line 39: typo: "hen" => "hence"

p3, line 34-44: break down sentence in two sentences
P9, Line 22: typo: "we observed that of the majority of the intervention components were implemented with fidelity" => remove first 'of'

P10, Line 12: Revise sentence

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