

Reviewer's report

Title: Maternal health in resource-poor urban settings: How does women's autonomy influence the utilization of obstetric care services?

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Reviewer: Martin Bobak

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This is a well written and clearly structured paper on an important subject, extending the literature on women autonomy to an African setting. The data are appropriate and the methods are sound. The interaction is intriguing but the interpretation is sensible, and the paper makes a useful contribution to the literature.

I have only two comments.

As a minor essential revision, I suggest that authors add either confidence intervals or standard errors to the tables of the regression coefficients. Also, the tables are currently in excel spreadsheet, so they may need to be formatted in a word processor.

As a discretionary revision, I suggest that the others remove the final paragraph of introduction, as it gives away the results. I think that this paragraph is not necessary.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests