Review of: "Challenges in Reducing Maternal Mortality Rate in Pakistan"

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This is an interesting topic. The structure is unclear.

The abstract has a few main data points that are repeated in the introduction and discussion. The description/discussion/definition of SDGs could be reduced. The abstract lacks a conclusion.

The main text could be strengthened with a description of the methods used. Is it a literature review or a scoping review?

It would be interesting to learn about Pakistan's strategies to reduce the maternal mortality to the current levels (as well as the challenges): would the authors confirm if the MMR is 186 or 178 (or clarify the references for the differing rates). There has been significant improvement over the past two decade. There could be lessons to be learned from what was done

Each section could be strengthened with details.For example, what is the HRH situation, what are the early marriage rates, etc.

To consider a conceptual framework for presenting the findings.

The authors have inserted their opinions in each section,without clear literature reference.

The language and presentation can be strengthened.