

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

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Abstract:

1. The abstract and the introduction are exactly the same. The first paragraph draws the readers attention very well however the last paragraph fails to summarize the strategies that are discussed in the body of the article, perhaps the following sentences can be rephrased or reorganized to summarize what the article has discussed: "However, several challenges must be overcome to achieve this goal, which will be explored in this essay. Furthermore, effective strategies to assist Pakistan in overcoming these hurdles and making significant progress in lowering its MMR will be presented.'

Introduction:

1. Well written and precise introduction. Review the latest statistics from Sachs et al, 2023. Pakistan ranked 128/193

Discussion:

1. Elaborate more on the status of maternal mortality in Pakistan, for example describe the top five causes.
2. Ineffective policy and implementation: Is it a question of lack of equitable distributed of health services/infrastructure among rural and urban areas OR poor policy implementation OR a poor policy?
3. 'Early marriages are common' this phrase doesn't come out as a challenge consider rephrasing it
4. It would be beneficial to cite Pakistan statistics that segregate maternal mortality by age, for the reader to rely appreciate that females under 18y are at a significantly higher risk of maternal mortality if possible.
5. 'Access' to a service can be interpreted in many ways , elaborate more so the reader can appreciate if the provider (government) is denying access to family planning or the user has barriers hindering them to access the service (the cultural norms and beliefs you stated are a good example)

Conclusion:

Well written

