

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

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1. This work could become an interesting paper (summarizing different issues regarding maternal mortality in a specific country - Pakistan), provided that a thorough revision is carried out. Authors may consider adopting a defined structure, following general guidance on how to write a scientific paper.
2. Suggestions for revision, in addition to several issues raised by other reviewers, include:
 - a. Improve structure: *Papers .. are often structured chronologically in five sections: **first, Introduction; then Materials and Methods, Results, and Discussion** (together, these three sections make up the paper's body); and finally, **Conclusion**.* <https://www.nature.com/scitable/topicpage/scientific-papers-13815490/>
 - b. Clarify methodology of this study: literature review? commentary?
 - c. Base text on facts and evidence, instead than opinions.
 - d. Avoid repetitions.
 - e. Significantly improve references: include all relevant ones, use appropriate style.

Revision and correction of references should follow general rules available in websites (for example; <https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references>), and those provided by Qeios (point g. page 18 of the [recommendations by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors \(ICMJE\)](#) as indicated in Qeios' Publishing Policy <https://www.qeios.com/publishing-policy>).

See two examples of references to be improved:

1. **There is no author whose name is A. General, this is misquotation of UN general Assembly** General, A., 2015. Transforming our world: The 2030 agenda for sustainable development. *General Assembly*. Retrieved from [21252030 Agenda for Sustainable Development web.pdf \(un.org\)](#) (Last accessed on 13th April 2023).
2. **Each reference list entry should include four essential elements: author, date, title, and source** Médecins Sans Frontières. (n.d.). Pakistan. Retrieved from <https://www.unfpa.org/maternal-health> (Last Accessed on 26 Apr. 2023)