

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

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3. Are the limitations of the study discussed (if any), taking into account sources of potential bias?	Yes

## CONCLUSION

1. Is the conclusion appropriately written keeping the study objectives in view?	Yes
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## REFERENCES

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