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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<p>The presentation of the manuscript respects scientific norms and contains a lot of useful information.</p> <p>However, I have two observations;</p> <p>1.The sample size is small based on the information that the researcher intended to collect. Why was the providers' opinion only limited to the heads of the institutions that were selected and not to a much larger group of individuals who provide care to patients in those institutions? My worry is that the opinions of heads of institutions might not necessarily reflect those of the 'real' health care providers.</p> <p>2. The tables are followed by numerous quotations from health care providers. These could be limited to the essentials to make the article less poetic, concise but still scientific.</p>	<p>The Officers-in-Charge of the health centers are the chief service providers in the various health centers. They are not just administrators. The Heads of Department of Health in the Local Government Areas are administrative positions but because of their continuous interactions with the OICs and the health centers, (including visitations) can speak authoritatively about the whole health centers in the Local Government Areas.</p>
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