Reviewer's report

Title: Increasing community health worker productivity: addressing the work environment

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I am quite pleased to see this revision which from my perspective is a much stronger paper.

Major Compulsory Revisions
The major compulsory revisions are satisfactorily addressed.

Minor Essential Revisions
The minor essential revisions appear to be satisfactorily addressed as well.

Discretionary Revisions
I have only two comments now:

1. I think a more appropriate title would be along the following lines: "Increasing community health worker productivity and effectiveness: A review of the influence of the work environment." Even though this is not a comprehensive and thorough review, it is a review nonetheless, and I think the title should reflect this.

2. I think some reference should be made to the Care Group model. It is becoming increasingly important. One reference that is commonly cited that also demonstrates the effectiveness of the Care Group model in reducing under-5 mortality is the following:


Both of these are suggestions and I don’t consider them to be mandatory.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.