**Reflexivity Statement**

The author team includes researchers and clinicians from the four study sites, including co-authors in their early-career. All researchers and clinicians who contributed to the data collection (including both routine quantitative data and data from qualitative interviews) are listed as co-authors on this manuscript. The co-authorship team is well-balanced in terms of gender with 11 female and 13 male co-authors.

As a research collaboration, we made a conscious effort to contribute to capacity building for early-career researchers and clinicians including in research design and implementation, qualitative research and data analysis training, and scientific writing. Throughout the conduct of the study we held biweekly team meetings with principal investigators and early-career researchers in the four countries. During the early-phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, these regular discussions created a space for timely sharing of experiences between the country teams and fostered between-country learning on the management of obstetric cases with suspected/confirmed COVID-19. During the analysis and synthesis phase, the biweekly meetings were used to share and validate the study findings among the group.