Women assessed for eligibility in the antenatal clinics
N = 187

Ineligible women
n = 15 (8·0%)
Reasons:
- Diagnosis of chronic illnesses (e.g., renal disease, hepatitis, etc) = 14
- Planning to deliver in another hospital = 1

Eligible women
n = 172 (91·9%)

Women refused to participate
n = 22 (12·2%)
Reasons:
- Required permission from husband = 18
- Did not want to share their stressors = 4

Women enrolled
n = 150 (87·1%)

Completed questionnaire
n = 150 (100%)

Refused to give blood
n= 7 (4·67%)

Cortisol level
n = 143 (95·3%)

Excluded from analysis
n = 18 (12·0%)
Reasons:
- Delivered at another hospital = 11
- Diagnosed with medical illness after recruitment = 6
- Twin fetus = 1

Questionnaire data available
n = 132 (88·0%)

Questionnaire and cortisol level data available
n = 125 (83·3%)