Reviewer's report

Title: Male partner participation in skilled antenatal care in peri-urban Gulu district, Northern Uganda

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to re-review the manuscript following the authors' revision. The manuscript is in much better shape now. The following are the remaining areas that I would like the authors to consider:

1. It has to be made clear the the manuscript is actually on male ANC attendance and not really PARTICIPATION in its full sense. Participation also means joint decision making, and other matters and not just escorting an individual.

2. One limitation of the study was that it relied on men's reports and these were not validated with women's interviews.

3. The last sentence of the results section is confusing and I would suggest a rephrase or in fact having it removed altogether.

4. There is still tinges of causation in the manuscript. The authors may need to tone down the language and really look at associations. The fact that high knowledge of ANC is associated with high attendance at ANC may just mean that the more you attend, the more you learn and not the more knowledge you have, the more you attend. This could be said of the rest of the factors.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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