Reviewer's report

Title: Why don't some women attend antenatal and postnatal care services?: A qualitative study in Garut, Sukabumi and Ciamis districts of West Java province, Indonesia

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Minor Essential Revisions:

1. The National Institute of Health Research & Development has two commissions:
   * Scientific Research Commission
   * Ethical Research Commission

   The ethical clearance issued by the Ethical Research Commission of NIHRD

2. The Program Keluarga Harapan (PKH) should be encouraged and recommended as a strategy to improve utilization of maternal and child health services by the poorest segment of the community; instead of the current unconditional cash transfer program (Bantuan Langsung Tunai)

3. In the long run, universal coverage of the national social health insurance together with the improved access to services and better community knowledge on maternal and child health should overcome the obstacles for not attending antenatal or postnatal care services

Level of interest: An article of importance 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:

Herewith I declare that I have no competing interests.

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