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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The formatting of the Discussion into two sections - Main findings and Factors influencing ..- is confusing. The discussion section should consider all the main findings, compare them with what existing literature says and derive their programmatic and policy implications. Moreover, the limitations of the study should be come at the end of the discussion.

the explanation provided by the authors for not providing the proportion of the sample with at least 4 antenatal visit is not tenable. Note that the authors provided the percentage with any antenatal care (page 7). However the DHS data provided on page 5 had to do with 4 or more antenatal visits. Do the authors have this information from their sample? Otherwise, could they provide the percentage with any antenatal visit from the DHS on page 5?

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:

I declare that I have no competing interests