Reviewer's report

Title: Factors associated with non-use of antenatal iron and folic acid supplements among Pakistani women: A cross sectional household survey

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Discretionary Revisions

1. In the ‘Statistics analysis’ the last sentence needs some editing. You may say ‘The level of significance was considered at 5%’

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Are there any reasons for surveying only married women?
2. Provide a brief description of ANC organisation in your context. Is it health facilities or community-based? How was the non-use of IFA defined in the study?
3. A short description of the FALAH Project is given in the Discussion section. This would be better placed in the method section.
4. There are too much tables. It may be better to reduce the number and only focus on the main results to be highlighted in tables.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Memory biais is highly probable in this type of survey. Why not restricting the period to 2 or 3 years maximum to minimize the biais?
2. The fact that the study was built on a program (FALAH and lady health workers program) aiming at improving the survival and health of women and children, may have affected the real prevalence and factors of the non-use of IFA. Are there any figures or identified factors from others areas not covered by the project?
3. Was a woman considered twice if she had 2 live births? This is bit confusing in the Results section
4. Discussion: in general, the discussion too long and did not focused on your main results. Keep on the main findings of the study and discuss them.
5. A substantial par of the discussion is about the prevalence; better expand on the factors of the non-use of IFA.
6. Limitations of the study: The first limitation is not clear. What are the exposure and the outcome in this study?

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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