Reviewer’s report

Title: Use of antenatal services and delivery care in Entebbe, Uganda: a community based survey

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Reviewer: William Stones

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General

This version is much improved.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Check for text glitches, eg "may mean that mortality in the community may to be lower." first para of Background. "Survey data was..." beginning of results.

Change foetus to fetus throughout (this is the correct international usage including UK English)

Change primigravida/ multigravida to primipara/ multipara throughout (presuming that number of births not pregnancies is what was meant).

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

This reviewer would rather see ORs and CI rather than P values for the data not shown in the tables:

"For both antenatal and delivery care there were associations between personal and socioeconomic characteristics and care setting. For antenatal care, multigravidae were more likely to attend Entebbe Hospital (p=0.023) and better-educated mothers were more likely to go to a private hospital (p=0.014). At delivery, primigravidae were more likely to attend another government hospital (outside the Entebbe area) (p=0.040) and less educated, poorer mothers were more likely to have a TBA or no trained assistant ((p<0.03 for education and 3 measures of household wealth)."

Much better to give the OR then we know how strong the associations are, not just their significance. With the P values one’s response is 'so what'!
Abstract: the recommendation is four visits, not four or more. We are trying to reduce the number of visits!

**What next?:** Accept after minor essential revisions

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

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

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'