Reviewer’s report

Title: Factors associated with lack of postnatal care among Palestinian women: A cross-sectional study of three clinics in the West Bank

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minor essential revisions:
1. make clear from the affiliation of the first author that she is originally from the place
2. correct "unassisted vaginal delivery" in "spontaneous vaginal delivery"
3. correct "The postpartum (postnatal or puerperium) period" (pag 4) in: "The postpartum period"
4. do not use "developed and developing countries". Instead: "low and high income countries".
5. You never know whether a maternal death was avoidable: state: "25 (69%) were considered to be avoidable" (pag 4)
6. Your definition of the postpartum period is 42 days (six weeks), but you again and again talk about 40 days (as is written in the bible!)
7. pag 9. "whether woman was informed about danger signs" must be "whether the woman was informed"
8. pag 11 and 12: You can not "sample women"
9. pag 11. Omit "columns 3 and 4" when referring to table 1)
10. Omit p values from table 2

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