Reviewer’s report

Title: Factors associated with the utilisation of postnatal care services among the mothers of Nepal: Analysis of Nepal Demographic and Health Survey 2011

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General comments

The manuscript has been greatly improved. I really appreciate the way authors responded to each comment. There are few issues that authors might want to address to improve the manuscript further.

Minor Essential Revisions

• In the Methods Section authors mentioned the issue of collinearity which forced them to select some variables over the other, e.g. selecting attendance over place of delivery. Yet in the modelling both variables were still retained in the model. Did authors decide to ignore this or were the variables entered one at a time? Because by looking at the table, people will think both variables were included at the same time in Model 3. Although I think both variables are ok to be in the final model, there is some inconsistency between text and table. This is also the case for timing and number of ANC variables.

• I think the issue of collinearity between maternal age and other covariates still exists for both outcomes. The unadjusted OR of mothers from higher maternal age were significantly lower than those from 15-19; yet, in the final model (Model 3) the direction of the effect changed, to significantly higher than those aged 15-19. This is important since it will impact the interpretation of the findings, conclusion and the recommendations given.

• Please check some spelling mistakes. There are few typos e.g: Methods Section page 5: "Outcome variables", Discussion Section page 12, 3rd paragraph line 3 should read "services", or page 13 2nd paragraph line 2, should read "findings". Please use the spell check.

• Some paragraphs are still very lengthy, such as 1st paragraph in the Discussion section. Authors might want to break it down to two or three paragraphs.

• The issue of mothers in law who might potentially influence the decision was not demonstrated in the findings. Authors might want to remove it from the first paragraph, or explain it later as one of the possibilities.

• Please check the decimal digits to ensure their consistency

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
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