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The manuscript has improved.

Here are a few concerns.

Introduction

Page 3 last paragraph there is a contradiction in the data presented here. The figures show an increase pace but the text states a decreased pace from 1996-2011. Please clarify

Methods

Outcome variables

Page 5. What is the rationale for combining missing responses with “no response” or “late postnatal care”? This is a major problem in the methodology.

Page 6. It is not clear what the order of ranking of the autonomy variable is looking at the categorisation. What do the authors imply?

Still on page 6, the authors should present the percentage of Hindus rather than simply stating that they are the majority.

Page 7. Reference to West 2008 is noted, nevertheless the authors should highlight briefly how they use Complex Simple Analysis Procedure to address the issue of cluster sampling.

Results and Discussion

Page 11. “In Nepal ….mother and the newborn are not allowed to be touched by anyone in the house or go out of the house has been previously reported in other parts of Asia [28, 29] and has been found to discourage postnatal care attendance [29].” This sentence is not clear, especially given that the references are not from studies in Nepal.

Page 12. The first sentence that has been added is not really clear. Could the authors clarify this?

Judging from the last paragraph on page 14, it is a bit strange that the "variables" younger mothers and mothers with high parity predict the outcome in similar direction.
One would expect that younger mothers are those with low parity and mothers with high parity are older mothers. Did the authors explore the correlation between age and parity?

The entire manuscript needs rigorous editing for typo errors. Numerous of them are found in the result section, particularly on pages 9-10. And there are several of them in the entire manuscript.

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