Reviewer’s report

Title: Determinants of ANC adequacy in rural versus urban: results from two health and demographic surveillance sites in Vietnam

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This study assesses ANC adequacy indicators in one rural and one urban area in Vietnam. Women were pregnant at the time of interview and surveyed prospectively until the conclusion of the pregnancy. The study is well designed and the paper is clear and logical. Some minor essential revisions:

1) Page six: should this be “annual” income?

2) Describe the household sampling frame (briefly)

3) Discuss the validity of the self report ANC timing, number and content

It is a strength this information is collected prospectively but some further information would be helpful if available

4) What was the outcome of the quality control process involving re-interview of selected participants?

5) Since each set of analyses has a different level of power it is important to comment on commonalities in the direction and size of the effects, as well as the statistical significance

Overall this is a useful study that provides important health indicators and information.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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