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Minor Essential Revisions

1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined?
Yes, authors have clearly described the question with justification.

In paragraph 2- Recent data from demographic health survey 2011 would be beneficial. For example; birth attended by skilled birth attendant is 20% given in 2nd paragraph in background. Recent data is 36% (DHS 2011). ……

One or two sentences on MDG 5 and link with paper’s aim would be nice.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work?
Yes, it sounds appropriate method to see the trends on the Place of Delivery.

3. Are the data sound and well controlled?
Lack of expertise, I did not go into detail in the statistical test however,

In Table 3: under number of ANC visits- It is interesting to note that there is not much difference in home and institutional delivery among women who had 1-3 ANC visit where there is huge difference on 4+ ANC visit. Is there any chance for detail picture or explanation of those data?

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
This manuscript has used reasonable amount of evidence.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
It is acceptable.
It would be nice to link MDG 5 in paragraph 1 in discussion. For example, a lot of emphasis is given to improve maternal health services and…………….

Are you aware of paper “The role of mothers-in-law in antenatal care decision-making in Nepal: a qualitative study”. It might be useful to support your result on mother-in-law’s role.

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
Yes, author has precisely communicating in abstract according to title.

7. Is the writing acceptable?
Well written with appropriate evidences and explanation.

Minor comments:

In discussion, paragraph 5 in line 8 there is ref. 14 is missing.

Please correct Reference 8, it does not match title with web link.

Please check reference (16) in paragraph 6 in discussion. It is not appropriately placed.

Please check font size in throughout paper. Font size seems different within paragraph.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.