Reviewer's report

Title: Empowerment and Adequate Use of Antenatal Care among Women in Ghana: A Cross-Sectional Study

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Minor Essential Revisions

This is important research to improve maternal health. Please revise the manuscript to publication.

1. Although the empowerment is key concept for maternal health, you did not mention about partner abuse or domestic violence (DV) concept. You have to mention about violence against women and that leads to poor quality of women’s health.

I recommend you to add these researches or guidelines about DV at the background chapter. Now I thought there are poor references.

2. The background chapter you have to definition about partner abuse. And it is more information about how to relate with empowerment and abuse from the partner. It is clearer to describe the problems. You have to add key words about partner abuse.

3. The methods chapter, you have to write about ethical consideration. And if you got permission from ethical committee, then you wrote the number or the name of committee.

4. The results chapter you wrote not only %, but also the number of subjects. As for the table, you add the number of subjects for each cell.

5. The discussion chapter, you have to mention about the Violence against women. The result showed the inadequate antenatal checkup behavior, because of abuse from partner, you have to figure out the relationship about Violence against women. As for no chance to education of women, these are big problem not onle health problem but also society problem.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests' below.