Reviewer’s report

Title: Barriers and facilitators related to use of prenatal care by inner-city women: Perceptions of health care providers

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There are some overlapping of comments discussed in facilitators and suggestions for improvements in the results section. For example, on page #18, under multidisciplinary approach to PNC, discussed the importance of team approach in providing PNC, this is again repeated again in page #24-25 under suggestions to improve PNC.

It is a bit confusing to see that barriers of pregnant women from the perspective of health care providers. I really do not see a relevance of these discussions, given the limited time these providers spent with individual patient. Further, as stated in the abstract, the purpose of the project is elicit provider level perspective on improving PNC in inner-city Winnipeg.

Another concern is the lack of linkage of study results to socio-ecological model of determinants of health services utilization. While authors have suggested that their study has followed this framework, no discussion of study results and connections to this framework in mentioned in the discussion.

It would be more interesting to the reader, if the authors can provide an overall picture of utilization of PNC in Winnipeg relative to the national average.

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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I declare that I have no competing interests