Reviewer's report

Title: Barriers and facilitators to antenatal and delivery care in western Kenya: a qualitative study

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Barriers and facilitators to antenatal/delivery care – Kenya
A review

Abstract: Well written and concise
Background: Has improved and it okay
Methods: Rural area, focus group discussions, well identified research questions. Is okay
Results: Well presented. Nothing unexpected or really new, but well written.
Discussion: Main findings could be presented first. A bit long. Should have sub-titles to make reading easier. I would argue that decision making to attend or not attend services are more dynamic than linear, and dependent on many interacting factors. I therefore argue that the conclusion is a bit limited: “health promotion”. Gender issues and empowerment, women’s position to make decisions is not discussed well enough.

But the paper has improved a lot and may be published as it is or with small changes in the discussion part.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests