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Author’s response to Editor: In the manuscript the new information were highlighted in yellow. See below for the response.
**Question:** #2 "only variables that were significantly associated (P < 0.05) with non-use of antenatal care services were retained in the final models." Specify the test used to derive the P-value.

Update: in the revised version "At the start, all variables were included in the model and backward elimination process was employed to remove non-significant variables and all variables with statistical significance of p<0.05 were retained in the final model" the statistical test that has produced that p-value (possibly a likelihood ratio test) has still not been specified.

**Response:** We have edited the text above (see highlighted section in the attached manuscript).

*As stated in the manuscript, we did a backward stepwise method and NOT likelihood ratio test.*

*In fact, you cannot perform a likelihood ratio test for a survey data (using a survey command in STATA) and again, likelihood ratio test is used when making a decision between two hypotheses based on the value of this ratio - which is not the case in this manuscript.*