Reviewer's report

**Title:** Prevalence and Risk Factors for Non-use of Antenatal Care Visits in South Sudan: Evidence from South Sudan Household Survey, 2010

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* Minor Essential Revisions

**Title**

The title consists of repetition of words “South Sudan”, and the word “evidence” sounds better for interventional than survey results. The author can consider to re-written it.

**Introduction**

Para 1, sentence 2: state how high is the maternal mortality. The authors need also to describe the availability and accessibility of ANC services in South Sudan.

**Results**

1) Paragraph under characteristics of the study sample: Sentence 1- sounds like a title of a table and the sentence sounds like a part of methods and not the results. There are many places where it is written in brackets “data not shown” – this was not clear to me - I did not understand what the authors meant here. If they meant that the data are not in table – not every data should in table format.

2) There some conclusive statements in the results e.g. the sentence in line number 241 states “Many socio-demographic factors do influence the use of ANC services in South Sudan.” Authors should consider deleting or re-writing all such conclusive statements in the results.

**Discussion**

The second paragraph explains the value of the manuscript, partly on how it was done and some limitations of the study. I recommend that this be re-written and combined with the limitations of the study at the end of the discussion.

**Tables**

Instead of having a long table for baseline characteristics with just numbers and %, the authors can also consider adding a new column in table 2 for numbers and % of each factor.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable
**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

No any competing interest