Reviewer’s report

Title: Temporal and regional variations in use, equity and quality of antenatal care in Egypt: A repeat cross-sectional analysis using Demographic and Health Surveys

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Thank you for this interesting study; I believe you have adequately addressed all of the potential limitations, including recall bias, generalizability of the findings, and the lack of inclusion of women who had poor pregnancy outcomes. Of particular interest is the increased uptake of private providers, and how this may be specific to the health care system in Egypt, and how women are encouraged to participate. It is alarming to realize that an increased uptake of ANC has been accompanied by an increase in the Cesarean birth rate! A deeper investigation into this phenomenon would also be reflective of the role of private vs. public providers in Egypt.

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