Reviewer’s report

Title: A mediation approach to understanding socio-economic inequalities in curative health-seeking for children in Egypt

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Discretionary Revision:
1. Evidence showing the relation socio-economic position affects the child health seeking behaviour must be explored in the introduction part. Only wealth as a predictor was explained in the introduction part. Although authors had mentioned that there is no studies in Egypt to substantiate the relation bet SEP and health seeking Behaviour but studies from different countries with same economic development as Egypt can be used to quantify such relations.

More over a logical sequence should maintained for clear understanding of the readers.

2. Page 9, First paragraph (statistical analysis): How the categorical and continuous variables were presented and which statistical tests were used to determine association in the results may be included for clear picture. (it can be ignore as in the tables these are explained in the foot notes)

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. Page 4, line 11: Abbreviation "HIO" should be expanded.
4. Page 6, line 23: Authors have written ten binary variables but mentioned only five. The variable under "utilities" and "household asset ownership" should be included for clear understanding of methodology.
5. Page 12, line 26: p value mentioned does not match with the figure mentioned in the table 4.
6. Page 24, line 24: This study is about child health seeking behaviour, sudden comparison with maternal health seeking behaviour seems inappropriate. Author can rephrase the sentence.
7. Discussion: Study findings were not well compared with other studies/evidences. Although authors mentioned this is first study in Egypt using DHS data but they can compare with studies from different countries.
8. Conclusion: Conclusion section should be short, explaining the implications of the study. But Authors mentioned many of their study finding in the conclusion section, which should placed in discussion section. Please
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:
I declare that I have no competing interests