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Use of Antenatal services and delivery care among women in rural western Kenya: a community based survey.

Reviewer: Dr Zahida Qureshi

I would like to thank you for the opportunity of review this manuscript -which I have enjoyed doing -extremely well written and of immense importance-it addresses a key issue that our reproductive health managers have tried to find solutions to.

1. The question posed is very important for the Sub-Saharan region where high antenatal care does not relate to skilled care at delivery and this paper address this issue.
2. The methods are very well described.
3. the data is sound and well controlled
4. Standards of reporting are adhered to.
5. discussion and conclusions are well supported by the data and are balanced
6. both the title and the abstract correctly convey the findings
7. The writing is very clear and acceptable-the flow of the paper is excellent.

a) The manuscript may be- Accepted without revision

b) Level of interest

- An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

c) Quality of written English

- Acceptable

d) Statistical review

- No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

e) Declaration of competing interests

'I declare that I have no competing interests'