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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">Asian Journal of Pregnancy and Childbirth</a>  |
| Manuscript Number:       | <b>Ms_AJPCB_48845</b>  |
| Title of the Manuscript: | <b>Multiple antenatal care bookings among pregnant women in urban and rural communities of Ebonyi State, Nigeria: a mixed method study</b> |
| Type of the Article      |  |

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

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| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <p>To authors,<br/>The theme is interesting. I have some advice.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Abstract is missing.</li> <li>2. Line 20: you wrote, "World Health Oorganization". Please use spellchecker before submission.</li> <li>3. Please describe exclusion criteria.</li> <li>4. Results section: Women's voice occupied very large space. Please omit or shorten the ones because the present paper is too long, considering "what was found here". Women's voice can be included in a supplementary/additional file or a table.</li> <li>5. Discussion is too long. Summarize the point and shorten the manuscript. You need not write so much for this finding. Your finding was very simple and straightforward: Urban women were more likely to perform "double booking" for the pregnant/delivery care facilities.</li> <li>6. Please state whether "double/triple booking" is a common practice in African area.</li> <li>7. Please state if "strike" is the common phenomenon.</li> <li>8. Facility A and B do not know if this woman booked both A and B, right? If so (do not know), please state why A and B do NOT communicate each other, transferring/sharing this information.</li> <li>9. If strike is rather specific in this area (Nigeria) and double booking is also rather specific in this area, then, this report describes only this specific situation. If these two (strike and double booking) are not specific but rather common in African countries, then, the description here may have some "generalization". In either case, the study may be worthy but you had better describe (state) whether you targeted a specific phenomenon or you wished to "generalize" the present findings. Please state which scenario you wish to state.</li> </ol> | <p>The abstract was part of the submission by the Authors</p> <p>This has been corrected. Thanks</p> <p>This has been included, see line 74.</p> <p>This may be due to the number of focus group discussions conducted by the Authors which was eight in number. However some of the quotes have been removed.</p> <p>The discussion aimed to bring the frequent strike actions by health workers and poor referral system in Nigeria into perspective.</p> <p>There was no literature to justify that. The Authors focused on available literature.</p> <p>A section of the discussion was used to explain that industrial actions in the public health sector in Nigeria is common.</p> <p>This was one of the main findings of the study. The providers of antenatal care encourage this practice instead of officially referring the patient when there is the need. This explains why the Authors concluded that the health workers and the citizens should be enlightened on the referral system.</p> <p>The findings, multiple antenatal care and frequent strike actions by health workers may be specific to Nigeria as there are no literature to prove otherwise.</p> |
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