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Journal Name:	**Asian Journal of Pediatric Research**
Manuscript Number:	**Ms_AJPR_126134**
Title of the Manuscript:	**Predictors of postnatal care utilization among postnatal mothers: a community-based cross-sectional study in Northern Ghana**
Type of the Article	**cross-sectional study**

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Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)*
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The study highlights key predictors that influence mothers' decisions to seek postnatal care, which can inform targeted interventions and policies to improve healthcare access and outcomes in underserved areas. I appreciate the study's focus on a vulnerable population and its practical implications for public health practitioners and policymakers in Ghana	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	"Predictors of postnatal care utilization among postnatal mothers: a community-based cross-sectional study in Northern Ghana" is suitable.	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	Implications for Healthcare Policy and Practice: Include a brief statement on how the findings could guide healthcare policies or community interventions aimed at improving postnatal care utilization. Specific Data on Key Predictors: Adding a few of the most statistically significant predictors found in the study could help readers understand the main findings right from the abstract.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	Yes, the subsections and structure of the manuscript are generally appropriate and well-organized, allowing for a clear progression from the study's background and objectives to the methodology, results, and discussion. Conclusion Section: A concise summary of the study's main contributions, along with a call for future research, would strengthen this section.	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript appears scientifically robust and technically sound due to its well-defined research objectives, appropriate use of a community-based cross-sectional study design, and systematic data collection methods.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. **-**	The references in the manuscript are mostly sufficient and cover relevant studies related to postnatal care, maternal health, and healthcare utilization in resource-limited settings. However, adding a few more recent references, particularly from the past 2-3 years, related to postnatal care barriers and interventions in similar regions or socioeconomic contexts, would further enrich the literature review and support the study's findings.	
Minor REVISION comments **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?**	Yes, the language and English quality of the article are generally suitable for scholarly communication. The manuscript is clear and understandable, with appropriate terminology and academic tone. However, minor revisions for grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure would improve readability and enhance the overall clarity.	
Optional/General comments	Overall, this manuscript addresses a vital aspect of maternal health by examining the predictors of postnatal care utilization in Northern Ghana. The study is well-structured and contributes valuable insights to the literature, particularly for regions with similar healthcare access challenges.	

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	*(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)*	

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