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## BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth - Receipt of Manuscript 'Exploring the antenatal...'

1 message

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**BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth** <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com> Thu, Jul 28, 2022 at 6:58 PM  
To: mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id

Ref: Submission ID 90026e5c-f55e-441c-927b-f3a7ae8d074a

Dear Dr Anggraeni,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript to BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth.

Your manuscript is now at our initial Quality Check stage, where we look for adherence to the journal's submission guidelines, including any relevant editorial and publishing policies. If there are any points that need to be addressed prior to progressing we will send you a detailed email. Otherwise, your manuscript will proceed into peer review.

You can check on the status of your submission at any time by using the link below and logging in with the account you created for this submission:

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Kind regards,

Peer Review Advisors  
BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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**Re: Urgent reminder to provide amendments on : Exploring the antenatal care challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic in rural area of Indonesia: A qualitative study**

2 messages

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**Mrunal Kale** <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>  
Reply-To: Mrunal Kale <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>  
To: mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id

Tue, Aug 9, 2022 at 4:18 PM

Dear Prof. Anggraeni,

I recently contacted you with a request to make amendments on your submission. To keep our editorial system working efficiently, we have to remove inactive submissions on a regular basis. Therefore, if you haven't made the amendments within the next few days, your submission will be removed.

Naturally, I'm keen to avoid this happening, so if you have any questions or need further clarification, please do contact me straight away.

You can access your paper via the following link:

<https://submission.nature.com/submission/f5f5d90e-87a4-4b23-8619-5bf7e163bb2a>

Please make any amendments required before selecting the "Submit manuscript" button on the "Review" page.

If you have already contacted our editorial office and been granted an extension, please ignore this email as your submission will not be withdrawn.

Kind regards,

Mrunal Kale  
Editorial Support at [BMC](#)

On Wed, 3 Aug at 12:56 PM , BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth <[bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com](mailto:bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com)> wrote:  
Dear Prof. Anggraeni,

Re: "Exploring the antenatal care challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic in rural area of Indonesia: A qualitative study "

Our Initial Quality Check of your submission has now taken place. As a result, we need

you to address the following points before your manuscript can progress any further:

1. Kindly provide all below sub-section under the heading of "**Declaration**".

#### **Declaration**

- Ethical approval and consent:
- Consent to publish:
- Availability of data and material:
- Conflict of interest:
- Funding:
- Acknowledgment:
- Author's contribution:
- Author's information:

Please indicate as NA or Not applicable under the respective section if above-mentioned points are not applicable for your study.

2. We strongly encourage all authors to share their raw data, either by providing it in a supplementary file or depositing it in a public repository and providing the details on how to access it in this section. If you do not wish to share your data, please clearly state this in this section along with a justification. "**Availability of Data and Materials**" statements can take one of the following forms (or a combination of more than one if required for multiple datasets):

- The datasets generated and/or analysed during the current study are available in the [NAME] repository, [PERSISTENT WEB LINK TO DATASETS]
- The datasets used and/or analysed during the current study available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.
- All data generated or analysed during this study are included in this published article [and its supplementary information files].
- The datasets generated and/or analysed during the current study are not publicly available due [REASON WHY DATA ARE NOT PUBLIC] but are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.
- The data that support the findings of this study are available from [third party name] but restrictions apply to the availability of these data, which were used under license for the current study, and so are not publicly available. Data are however available from the authors upon reasonable request and with permission of [third party name].

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- **A statement to confirm that all methods were carried out in accordance with relevant guidelines and regulations.**
- **A statement to confirm that all experimental protocols were approved by a**

**named institutional and/or licensing committee.**

**- Must include a sentence confirming that informed consent was obtained from all subjects and/or their legal guardian(s).**

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5. We notice that **table 1, 2, 3** has not been referenced in the main text of your manuscript file. If tables are not cited in the manuscript they will not appear in the html (online) version if your paper is accepted for publication. Therefore, it is essential they are mentioned at least once in the text and, we strongly recommend, in the order in which they are numbered.
6. We notice that **table 1** has not been included with your submission. Please either include this table in your manuscript file in an editable Word or TeX/LaTeX format along with its legend or update the references to this table in the main text of your manuscript accordingly.

Your paper has been placed back in the menu of the submitting author. To access it, please use the following link, making sure you log in with the same email address you registered with:

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Please make the requested amendments carefully, before selecting the "Submit manuscript" button on the "Review" page. Do not change anything else in your manuscript.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Mrunal Kale  
Editorial Support at [BMC](#)

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**Mrunal Kale** <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>  
Reply-To: Mrunal Kale <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>  
To: mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id

Fri, Aug 12, 2022 at 10:19 AM

Dear Prof. Anggraeni,

Thank you for the confirmation. We shall get back to you if any changes are to made.

Till then, if you have any queries or concern, please feel free to contact us back.

Have a good day!

Kind regards,  
Mrunal Kale  
Editorial Support at [BMC](#)

On Wed, 10 Aug at 1:33 PM , Mekar.anggraeni <[mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id](mailto:mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id)> wrote:

**[External - Use Caution]**

Dear Mrunal Kale,

I have revise the manuscript and re submit to the online system, with the revision queries are as follows:

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- Funding:
- Acknowledgment:
- Author's contribution:
- Author's information:

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Sub-section of **Declaration** has been added

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- The datasets used and/or analysed during the current study available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.
- All data generated or analysed during this study are included in this published article [and its supplementary information files].
- The datasets generated and/or analysed during the current study are not publicly available due [REASON WHY DATA ARE NOT PUBLIC] but are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.
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available from the authors upon reasonable request and with permission of [third party name].

Please note that if you do wish to share your raw data and do not have consent from all patients to publish this data, it will need to be de-identified.

The data availability has been mention in the manuscript, below the **Declaration** sub-section

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Tables 2 and 3 have been changed to table 1 and 2, and both of them have been referenced in the main text of the manuscript.

6. We notice that **table 1** has not been included with your submission. Please either include this table in your manuscript file in an editable Word or TeX/LaTeX format along with its legend or update the references to this table in the main text of your manuscript accordingly.

There is no table 1 in the previous manuscript, therefore, I have change the table 2 and 3 to table 1 and 2.

Regards,  
Dr. Mekar Dwi Anggraeni

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## BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth: Decision on your manuscript

13 messages

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**BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth** <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>

Fri, Dec 9, 2022 at 6:42 PM

To: mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id

Ref: Submission ID 90026e5c-f55e-441c-927b-f3a7ae8d074a

Dear Dr Anggraeni,

Re: "Exploring the antenatal care challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic in rural area of Indonesia: A qualitative study"

We are pleased to let you know that your manuscript has now passed through the review stage and is ready for revision. Many manuscripts require a round of revisions, so this is a normal but important stage of the editorial process.

### Editor comments

A Major revision is needed. Some of the key areas include:

1. English language editing is required
2. Include the filled COREQ checklist or any other checklist to ensure all necessary aspects are attended to (<https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/coreq/>)
3. Following the author guidelines in structure of the manuscript; for example the author includes an aims and objectives section which should not be there
4. There is need to incorporate a theoretical analytical lens to assist in the interpretation of the results- an example of a theoretical framework that could be used is Thadeus and Maine's model to seeking care; you could weave your results into that
5. the analysis should also be described clearer; and referenced; a content analysis method is eluded to but never described appropriately; later on you switch to thematic content analysis (Braun and Clarke); there is little evidence that you used this:

The objectives of the study include are (rephrased for clarity):

1. To explore the barriers to receiving antenatal care during the COVID-19 pandemic among women in rural Indonesia
2. To explore the facilitators of receiving antenatal care during the COVID-19 pandemic among women in rural Indonesia
3. To explore coping strategies and adaptations to barriers to receiving antenatal care during the COVID-19 pandemic

However; the results are totally disconnected. I can hardly get an answer to any of the objectives above. Below I paste portions from the results section

### 1. Perceived vulnerability

Almost all of the participants stated that the pandemic situation makes them feel anxious because they are a vulnerable group that should be protected either at home or in the working office.

### 2. Perceived threat

Some participants mentioned that the COVID-19 pandemic makes them feel threatened because of the fast and easy virus transmission.

### 3. Internal barriers

Participants explained that the COVID-19 pandemic makes several barriers to doing their daily activities. The Indonesian government regulation encourages people to stay at home, particularly among the vulnerable groups makes participants feel bored and faced difficulties to do some activities outside the home.

### 4. External barriers

Some participants explained additional challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. They mentioned that they live with other vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children, and comorbid people.

### 5. Having extended family

Living in extended family is common among Indonesian. Some participants living with their parents whom have comorbid disease. Participants explained that this environment makes them taking care each other and make a mutual support to prevent COVID-19 transmission among them in the family cluster.



#### 6. Sources of support

Living in the rural area makes participants getting closer with their family members, particularly their husband, parents, and parents in law.

#### 7. Precautionary actions

Participants in this study described that they should make some adaptations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### 8. Nutrition concern

Participants explained that they took some actions to improve body immune system during pandemic. They got information that COVID-19 virus may be fight by having a good immunity status.

#### 9. Service modifications

All of participants mentioned that some health services method had been changed during the COVID-19 pandemic

#### 10. Quality assured

Almost all participants explained that they feel satisfied with care services provided by health professionals during pandemic

#### 11. Health care protocols

All participants said that they must adhere health protocols when going outside home. They always wear mask, washing hands, and physical distancing when doing ANC. Health care providers confirmed that there is a big banner in front of the Primary Health Center to inform patients about health care protocols

#### 12. New procedures

All of participants described new procedure on ANC, birth, and postnatal. Health care providers confirmed the perinatal care procedures had been changed to prevent the COVID-19 transmission

#### 13. Antenatal class program adjustment

Pregnancy class (antenatal health education program) held by Primary Health Care is still running during this pandemic.

Above are the first statements from the headings in the results section; reading further; I struggle to see a connection between these statements and the objectives of the study. At the very minimum; the results section should be categorized into 3 broad objectives; facilitators, barriers and coping mechanisms. Thereafter; results should speak to this section. As is; the data need to be reanalyzed. And if these findings are not there; probably conducting more interviews could be of help.

To ensure the Editor and Reviewers will be able to recommend that your revised manuscript is accepted, please pay careful attention to each of the comments that have been pasted underneath this email. This way we can avoid future rounds of clarifications and revisions, moving swiftly to a decision.

Once you have addressed each comment and completed each step listed below, the revised submission and final file can be uploaded via the link below.

If you completed the initial submission, please log in using the same email address. If you did not complete the initial submission, please discuss with the submitting author, who will be able to access the link and resubmit.

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<https://bmcpregnancychildbirth.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines>

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Please note that use of an editing service is neither a requirement nor a guarantee of publication. Free assistance is available from our resources page: <https://www.springernature.com/gp/researchers/campaigns/english-language-forauthors>

To support the continuity of the peer review process, we recommend returning your manuscript to us within 14 days. If you think you will need additional time, please let us know and we will aim to respond within 48 hours.

Kind regards,

David Mukunya  
Editorial Board Member  
BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

#### Reviewer Comments:

##### Reviewer 1

Thanks a lot for giving me an opportunity to review this article on antenatal care challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. The paper contains information which could help structure optimal antenatal care provision and utilization during pandemics. Below, are my comments:

##### Abstract:

1. "Yet, challenges antenatal care in rural area of Indonesia during the COVID-19 pandemic are not sufficiently explored" this sentence needs to be corrected to make meaning, either challenges of antenatal care or antenatal care challenges

2. Under methods, specify the number of FGDs and IDIs conducted

##### Introduction:

3. English editing required

##### Methods:

##### Study design and setting

4. "Most pregnant women conducted ANC in Primary Health Center" I think pregnant women didn't conduct maybe attended or went for ANC

##### Participants

5. "The inclusion criteria of pregnant women in this study were trimester two or three, had visited Primary Health Center to conduct ANC, and had at least three ANC attendance" same here attend not conduct

6. Of the 31 participants, indicate how many were pregnant mothers and those that were health care providers

##### Data collection

7. Were the members for the FGDs only pregnant mothers? Or FGDs included both pregnant mothers and health care providers? Clearly indicate who were the participants for the FGDs and their numbers as per the two groups if both were included.

8. Similarly for the 10 IDIs, who were the participants? Only health care providers? or both pregnant mothers and health care providers?

##### Data analysis

9. Please indicate the software used for analysis

##### Results

10. Table 1: I would suggest categorizations for the two groups separately, the pregnant women and the health care providers. E.g of the ...pregnant women, ... are multiparous, ... are housewives and ...finished elementary school. Then of the...health care providers, ....completed tertiary level, ...are midwives ...are nurses or doctors

11. I also suggest that codes from health care providers be denoted differently for example (R29, Midwife/health care provider, 33 years)

##### Discussion

12. "Up to the author's knowledge, this is" since you are more than one author, I suggest writing to our knowledge

13. "prevention the COVID-10 transmission among health care providers" change COVID-10 to COVID-19

14. English editing is required

##### Reviewer 2

Exploring the antenatal care challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic in rural areas of Indonesia: A qualitative study

Antenatal care challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic in a rural setting are a good area of concern for investigation so that access to antenatal care is improved for improved perinatal health.

The manuscript is very comprehensive, however, some areas need to be improved as indicated below:

The authors need to number the lines/sentences and indicate the pages so that it becomes easy to read through and make references.

The general English and sentence construction need to be improved. For instance, you report the study using the past tense. I encourage you to check on the grammatical errors and sentence construction in the whole document. The document would benefit from the review and editing of an English expert.

#### Abstract

#### Introduction

Statement starting with “yet” ....ending with “explored” can be removed and transferred to the background section

#### Method

How many pregnant women and health care providers participated? What qualitative design guided the study?

#### Results

Antenatal challenges included; perceived risks and perceived barriers

What about social support, health promotional behaviours and shifting in health care services? What objective or research question was it addressing? Can you link it to the study objective?

#### Conclusion

Both statements in the conclusion are not clear. The recommendation needs to be improved, state something feasible.

#### Background

In the second paragraph, the first sentence is too long, try to shorten it

Improve the last sentence in the second paragraph

In the third paragraph; 1st sentence is not clear

#### Aim and Objectives:

Objective 1: improve the grammar

Objective 2: it is not clear

Objective 3: frame it well

Improve the framing of the objectives such as. To determine. or to explore, to describe, to

If you want to use research questions then state them appropriately.

Generally, the objective doesn't sound clear. What is the sole aim of this study?

Was it to explore the challenges pregnant women and healthcare providers faced in accessing and providing antenatal care during the COVID-19 period? If so, kindly frame the objective well and use it to guide the writing.

Three specific objectives or research questions are quite many for a manuscript.

#### Methods

#### Study design and setting

In the first paragraph: Conventional content analysis—is it a design or a method for data analysis? If it is for analysis, take it to the analysis section

Qualitative exploratory design—is this the design that guided the study? Bring it at the beginning of the paragraph.

Reduce this paragraph by removing what does not belong here

You may need to provide more information about the setting so that someone outside Indonesia can understand the setting of the study.

#### Participants

Try to shorten the sentences to make them clear and simple. E.g.

The inclusion criteria could be “Pregnant women in trimester 2 or 3 with at least 3 ANC visits, and had visited the PHC for antenatal care were included in the study”

#### Data collection

First paragraph First sentence, improve the sentence. For instance, you got approval from the IRB before data collection

Who participated in the FGD and interviews?

Fourth paragraph—what language was used for in-depth interviews?

#### Research instrument

You are talking about open-ended questions and a semi-structured interview guide. which is which? What was used?

#### Data analysis

Which of these two methods was used in the analysis? Content analysis?? Or thematic content???

#### Rigour

Was the interview guide pretested, was there any translation at any stage of the data collection and analysis

#### Results

The themes, sub-themes and quotes are many.

This section needs improvement in the tense, grammar and general sentence construction for easy reading and understanding.

Some themes include: "adopting health promotional behaviour" and "getting support". How do they relate to the study objective on antenatal care challenges?

You may also want to reduce on the number of quotes if they are too many and crowd space.

Perceived barriers

What are these barriers? How do the barriers relate to the study objective?

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**Mekar Dwi Anggraeni** <mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id>

Fri, Dec 9, 2022 at 7:22 PM

To: Amin Fatoni <aminfatoni@gmail.com>

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**Mekar Dwi Anggraeni** <mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id>

Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 2:47 PM

To: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>

Dear David Mukunya,

Thanks for your information about suggestions for manuscript revision from both the editor and reviewers.

I will try my best in order to submit the revised manuscript within 14 days,

however, the native English proofreader sometimes takes more time due to the long queue.

I will let you know when I need additional time in order to satisfactorily fulfill all of the suggestions.

Best regards,

Mekar Dwi Anggraeni

[Quoted text hidden]

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**Tanay Rao** <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>

Tue, Dec 13, 2022 at 10:37 AM

Reply-To: Tanay Rao <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>

To: mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id

Dear Dr Anggraeni,

Thank you for your response.

Sincerely,

Tanay Rao

Editorial Support at [BMC](#)

On Mon, 12 Dec at 7:48 AM , Mekar.anggraeni <[mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id](mailto:mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id)> wrote:

**[External - Use Caution]**

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**Mekar Dwi Anggraeni** <mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id>

Tue, Dec 20, 2022 at 10:37 AM

To: endangtriyanto@yahoo.com, Rahmi Setiyani <rahmi.setiyani@gmail.com>

Ysh. Pak Endang dan Bu Rahmi,

Mohon saya dibantu untuk melakukan final check artikel publikasi yang sudah saya coba revisi sesuai saran dari editor dan reviewer.

Mungkin ada saran yang terlewat belum diperbaiki atau perbaikan belum sesuai saran dari reviewer/editor.

Saya lampirkan email dari editor.

Terima kasih sebelumnya.

Salam,  
MDA

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From: **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth** <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>  
Date: Fri, Dec 9, 2022 at 6:42 PM  
Subject: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth: Decision on your manuscript  
To: <mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id>

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**Endang Triyanto** <endangtriyanto@yahoo.com>  
To: Mekar Dwi Anggraeni <mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id>

Wed, Dec 21, 2022 at 5:22 AM

Maaf baru balas Bu...

Pada halaman 4 di sub bab Setting, masih ada kalimat berbahasa indonesia (bukan kutipan).  
Kalo baca daftar revisi, sepertinya sudah lengkap Bu

[Quoted text hidden]

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**Rahmi Setiyani** <rahmi.setiyani@gmail.com>  
To: Mekar Dwi Anggraeni <mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id>  
Cc: endangtriyanto@yahoo.com

Wed, Dec 21, 2022 at 8:18 AM

Dear all,

1. Sepertinya all covered siy. Mudah2an link antara objectives dan findings bisa diterima.
2. Untuk COREQ\_checklist sepertinya harus diindikasikan di section mana item tersebut dituliskan (tidak hanya sekedar tanda centang), merujuk ke kalimat ini Please indicate in which section each item has been reported in your manuscript.
3. Personal characteristics-relationship established dan participant knowledge of the interview: sepertinya belum ada informasinya di text. Tapi mungkin saya terlewat membaca.
4. Data collection-Repeat interviews: sepertinya belum ada informasinya di text. Tapi mungkin saya terlewat membaca.

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**Mekar Dwi Anggraeni** <mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id>  
To: Tanay Rao <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>

Fri, Dec 23, 2022 at 8:12 PM

Dear Tanay Rao,  
Editor of BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth,

I would like to ask for revision time extension to January 5, 2023 due to Christmast and New Year Holiday.  
The manuscript is under proofread by a British proofreader.

Thanks for your attention.

Best regards,  
Mekar Dwi Anggraeni

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**Mekar Dwi Anggraeni** <mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id> Mon, Dec 26, 2022 at 7:29 AM  
To: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>

Dear Dr. David Mukunya,  
Editor of BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth,

I would like to ask for revision time extension to January 5, 2023 due to Christmast and New Year Holiday.  
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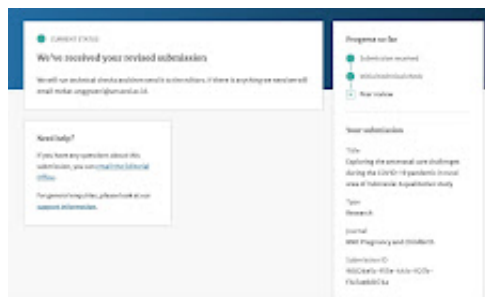
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5. the analysis should also be described clearer; and referenced; a content analysis method is eluded to but never described appropriately; later on you switch to thematic content analysis (Braun and Clarke); there is little evidence that you used this:

The objectives of the study include are (rephrased for clarity):

1. To explore the barriers to receiving antenatal care during the COVID-19 pandemic among women in rural Indonesia
2. To explore the facilitators of receiving antenatal care during the COVID-19 pandemic among women in rural Indonesia
3. To explore coping strategies and adaptations to barriers to receiving antenatal care during the COVID-19 pandemic

However; the results are totally disconnected. I can hardly get an answer to any of the objectives above. Below I paste portions from the results section

### 1. Perceived vulnerability

Almost all of the participants stated that the pandemic situation makes them feel anxious because they are a vulnerable group that should be protected either at home or in the working office.

### 2. Perceived threat

Some participants mentioned that the COVID-19 pandemic makes them feel threatened because of the fast and easy virus transmission.

### 3. Internal barriers

Participants explained that the COVID-19 pandemic makes several barriers to doing their daily activities. The Indonesian government regulation encourages people to stay at home, particularly among the vulnerable groups makes participants feel bored and faced difficulties to do some activities outside the home.

### 4. External barriers

Some participants explained additional challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. They mentioned that they live with other vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children, and comorbid people.

### 5. Having extended family

Living in extended family is common among Indonesian. Some participants living with their parents whom have comorbid disease. Participants explained that this environment makes them taking care each other and make a mutual support to prevent COVID-19 transmission among them in the family cluster.

#### 6. Sources of support

Living in the rural area makes participants getting closer with their family members, particularly their husband, parents, and parents in law.

#### 7. Precautionary actions

Participants in this study described that they should make some adaptations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### 8. Nutrition concern

Participants explained that they took some actions to improve body immune system during pandemic. They got information that COVID-19 virus may be fight by having a good immunity status.

#### 9. Service modifications

All of participants mentioned that some health services method had been changed during the COVID-19 pandemic

#### 10. Quality assured

Almost all participants explained that they feel satisfied with care services provided by health professionals during pandemic

#### 11. Health care protocols

All participants said that they must adhere health protocols when going outside home. They always wear mask, washing hands, and physical distancing when doing ANC. Health care providers confirmed that there is a big banner in front of the Primary Health Center to inform patients about health care protocols

#### 12. New procedures

All of participants described new procedure on ANC, birth, and postnatal. Health care providers confirmed the perinatal care procedures had been changed to prevent the COVID-19 transmission

#### 13. Antenatal class program adjustment

Pregnancy class (antenatal health education program) held by Primary Health Care is still running during this pandemic.

Above are the first statements from the headings in the results section; reading further; I struggle to see a connection between these statements and the objectives of the study. At the very minimum; the results section should be categorized into 3 broad objectives; facilitators, barriers and coping mechanisms. Thereafter; results should speak to this section. As is; the data need to be reanalyzed. And if these findings are not there; probably conducting more interviews could be of help.

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#### Reviewer Comments:

##### Reviewer 1

Thanks a lot for giving me an opportunity to review this article on antenatal care challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. The paper contains information which could help structure optimal antenatal care provision and utilization during pandemics. Below, are my comments:

##### Abstract:

1. "Yet, challenges antenatal care in rural area of Indonesia during the COVID-19 pandemic are not sufficiently explored" this sentence needs to be corrected to make meaning, either challenges of antenatal care or antenatal care challenges

2. Under methods, specify the number of FGDs and IDIs conducted

##### Introduction:

3. English editing required

##### Methods:

##### Study design and setting

4. "Most pregnant women conducted ANC in Primary Health Center" I think pregnant women didn't conduct maybe attended or went for ANC

##### Participants

5. "The inclusion criteria of pregnant women in this study were trimester two or three, had visited Primary Health Center to conduct ANC, and had at least three ANC attendance" same here attend not conduct

6. Of the 31 participants, indicate how many were pregnant mothers and those that were health care providers

##### Data collection

7. Were the members for the FGDs only pregnant mothers? Or FGDs included both pregnant mothers and health care providers? Clearly indicate who were the participants for the FGDs and their numbers as per the two groups if both were included.

8. Similarly for the 10 IDIs, who were the participants? Only health care providers? or both pregnant mothers and health care providers?

##### Data analysis

9. Please indicate the software used for analysis

##### Results

10. Table 1: I would suggest categorizations for the two groups separately, the pregnant women and the health care providers. E.g of the ...pregnant women, ... are multiparous, ... are housewives and ...finished elementary school. Then of the...health care providers, ....completed tertiary level, ...are midwives ...are nurses or doctors

11. I also suggest that codes from health care providers be denoted differently for example (R29, Midwife/health care provider, 33 years)

##### Discussion

12. "Up to the author's knowledge, this is" since you are more than one author, I suggest writing to our knowledge

13. "prevention the COVID-10 transmission among health care providers" change COVID-10 to COVID-19

14. English editing is required

##### Reviewer 2

Exploring the antenatal care challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic in rural areas of Indonesia: A qualitative study

Antenatal care challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic in a rural setting are a good area of concern for investigation so that access to antenatal care is improved for improved perinatal health.

The manuscript is very comprehensive, however, some areas need to be improved as indicated below:

The authors need to number the lines/sentences and indicate the pages so that it becomes easy to read through and make references.

The general English and sentence construction need to be improved. For instance, you report the study using the past tense. I encourage you to check on the grammatical errors and sentence construction in the whole document. The document would benefit from the review and editing of an English expert.

#### Abstract

#### Introduction

Statement starting with “yet” ....ending with “explored” can be removed and transferred to the background section

#### Method

How many pregnant women and health care providers participated? What qualitative design guided the study?

#### Results

Antenatal challenges included; perceived risks and perceived barriers

What about social support, health promotional behaviours and shifting in health care services? What objective or research question was it addressing? Can you link it to the study objective?

#### Conclusion

Both statements in the conclusion are not clear. The recommendation needs to be improved, state something feasible.

#### Background

In the second paragraph, the first sentence is too long, try to shorten it

Improve the last sentence in the second paragraph

In the third paragraph; 1st sentence is not clear

#### Aim and Objectives:

Objective 1: improve the grammar

Objective 2: it is not clear

Objective 3: frame it well

Improve the framing of the objectives such as. To determine. or to explore, to describe, to

If you want to use research questions then state them appropriately.

Generally, the objective doesn't sound clear. What is the sole aim of this study?

Was it to explore the challenges pregnant women and healthcare providers faced in accessing and providing antenatal care during the COVID-19 period? If so, kindly frame the objective well and use it to guide the writing.

Three specific objectives or research questions are quite many for a manuscript.

#### Methods

#### Study design and setting

In the first paragraph: Conventional content analysis—is it a design or a method for data analysis? If it is for analysis, take it to the analysis section

Qualitative exploratory design—is this the design that guided the study? Bring it at the beginning of the paragraph.

Reduce this paragraph by removing what does not belong here

You may need to provide more information about the setting so that someone outside Indonesia can understand the setting of the study.

#### Participants

Try to shorten the sentences to make them clear and simple. E.g.

The inclusion criteria could be “Pregnant women in trimester 2 or 3 with at least 3 ANC visits, and had visited the PHC for antenatal care were included in the study”

#### Data collection

First paragraph First sentence, improve the sentence. For instance, you got approval from the IRB before data collection

Who participated in the FGD and interviews?

Fourth paragraph—what language was used for in-depth interviews?

#### Research instrument

You are talking about open-ended questions and a semi-structured interview guide. which is which? What was used?

#### Data analysis

Which of these two methods was used in the analysis? Content analysis?? Or thematic content???

#### Rigour

Was the interview guide pretested, was there any translation at any stage of the data collection and analysis

#### Results

The themes, sub-themes and quotes are many.

This section needs improvement in the tense, grammar and general sentence construction for easy reading and understanding.

Some themes include: "adopting health promotional behaviour" and "getting support". How do they relate to the study objective on antenatal care challenges?

You may also want to reduce on the number of quotes if they are too many and crowd space.

Perceived barriers

What are these barriers? How do the barriers relate to the study objective?

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Saya lampirkan email dari editor.

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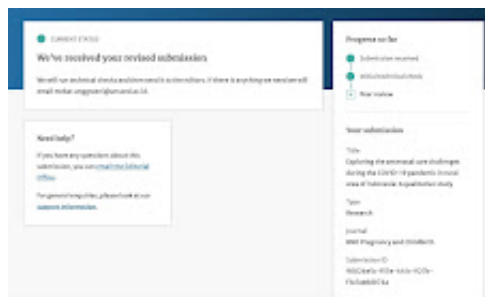
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David Mukunya  
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Reviewer Comments:

Reviewer 1  
No further comment

Reviewer 2

Dear Authors,

I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the great improvement noted in the manuscript. That was excellent work. The reviewer's comments were well addressed. From the second review, a few more areas have been noted for improvement.

A brief guide on numbering the sentences in the manuscript;

Go to layout, then line numbers (click the arrow pointing down), then click continuous, all the sentences in the text will be numbered automatically and continuously.

Having done that, you will be able to locate the few comments or edits below.

Abstract

Sentence 14, remove the comma after "pandemic"

Sentence 17, put a comma after study and therefore

Sentence 33 to 35; you could re-state as "these findings demonstrate the need to formulate and implement ANC packages to facilitate pregnant women's access to health care services"

Sentence 45, let it be "pregnant women"

Sentence 49, write the abbreviation ANC in full since it is starting the sentence

Sentence 57, is that "assure" or "ensure", kindly use the right word

Sentence 74, delete repeated "in"

Sentence 78, delete "an"

Sentence 83, delete "having"

Sentence 87, "fear of transmission from health care providers to the list" what does this mean?

Sentence 149, "were and were" this phrase has an error, please correct it

Sentence 150, please delete "using"

Sentence 161, delete "first in" and replace "took part" with "participated"

Sentence 179 to 181, let the sentence be "The in-depth interviews were conducted by a researcher holding a master's degree in community health and has experience in carrying out qualitative research"

Sentence 192, delete "were"

Sentence 225, replace "to have" with "that"

In sentences 261 to 263, it looks like this statement is a repetition "Either a written or electronic informed consent form was obtained by each participant before involvement in the study". Please look at it and retain if it's different from the one before it.

Results

The findings of the study appear well-written.

Discussion

My thoughts on the discussion,

In the second and third paragraphs, you may need to revise the use of the term contracting. For instance, you may use "virus infection" instead of virus contraction. This is because "virus contraction" in sentence 440 doesn't seem to make sense.

In the acknowledgement section, you may also want to appreciate your participants and the data collection team.

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Mekar Dwi Anggraeni <mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id>

Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 9:18 AM

To: Rahmi Setiyani <rahmi.setiyani@gmail.com>, Amin Fatoni <aminfatoni@gmail.com>, endangtriyanto@yahoo.com

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Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 9:41 AM

To: Mekar Dwi Anggraeni <mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id>

Cc: Amin Fatoni <aminfatoni@gmail.com>, endangtriyanto@yahoo.com

Salam,

Terkait email ini, menurut saya sekiranya memang masih ada dana yang diperuntukan untuk proofreading, ggp siy, bagus. Apalagi ini artikel pertama ke jurnal ini kan ya...biar first impressionnya bagus.

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Rahmi

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**Mekar Dwi Anggraeni** <mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id>

Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 5:31 PM

To: Rahmi Setiyani <rahmi.setiyani@gmail.com>

Dear Bu Rahmi,

Minta tolong dibantu check perbaikan yang disarankan oleh reviewer 2 ya.

Barangkali ada yang terlewat.

Terima kasih.

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**Rahmi Setiyani** <rahmi.setiyani@gmail.com>

Fri, Feb 24, 2023 at 7:27 AM

To: Mekar Dwi Anggraeni <mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id>

Salam,

Sepertinya sudah OK, hanya sedikit di bagian berikut ini:

Sentence 87, "fear of transmission from health care providers to the list" what does this mean? ---> kalimat ini aku juga masih agak bingung maksudnya

Atau begini Another study added closing hospital/healthcare centers, the involvement of private health sectors, lack of transport, and fear of transmission from health care providers to be ~~the list were~~ the major barriers to ANC during the pandemic

Sentence 179 to 181, let the sentence be "The in-depth interviews were conducted by a researcher holding a master's degree in community health and has experience in carrying out qualitative research" --> di manuscript masih tertulis holds



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**Mekar Dwi Anggraeni** <mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id>

Mon, Feb 27, 2023 at 6:55 PM

To: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>

Dear Dr. David Mukunya  
Editor of BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth,

We have revise the manuscript based on the reviewer's suggestions.  
We have submit the revised manuscript to the journal's website.  
Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,  
Mekar Dwi Anggraeni  
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**Tanay Rao** <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>

Tue, Feb 28, 2023 at 5:42 PM

Reply-To: Tanay Rao <bmcpregnancyandchildbirth@biomedcentral.com>

To: mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id

Dear Prof. Anggraeni,

Thank you for your response.

Sincerely,  
Tanay Rao  
Editorial Support at [BMC](#)

On Mon, 27 Feb at 11:56 AM , Mekar.anggraeni <[mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id](mailto:mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id)> wrote:

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Fri, Mar 3, 2023 at 1:44 PM

To: mekar.anggraeni@unsoed.ac.id

Ref: Submission ID 90026e5c-f55e-441c-927b-f3a7ae8d074a

Dear Dr Anggraeni,

Re: "Exploring the Antenatal Care Challenges faced during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Rural Areas of Indonesia: A Qualitative Study"

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