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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	The results section needs to be rewritten for ease of flow and thought. There is really no need to have so many subheadings with a sentence or two of information. I think if the authors introduce the tables, for example, Table 1 presents the socio-demographic characteristics of the study population; then include some of the main information without rehashing the table, it would be much more understandable. Also, when a table is presented, everything should be stated about the data (findings) in that table before moving on to discuss another table. It is very difficult to follow the results as written. Authors should be able to tell their story without being so choppy. Also if there are significant findings those should be bolded or discussed a bit more.	In Table 1, we have presented only significant and near significant findings. We have reorganized the tables and discussed each table before going to the next table.
Minor REVISION comments	The authors need to establish some kind of definition or give examples of "modern methods of contraception" early in the manuscript; maybe in the abstract or the introduction. Some general editing needed Line 106 - there is mention of "a list of all 20 health areas; but there is no indication as to what these health	We have included some examples of modern methods of contraception in the introduction We have also described a health area in line 30 (a population with at least a health facility in the vicinity or neighbourhood) We have rephrased the sentence in line 130 to read "The women who were used to test the



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	areas are. An example would help. Line 130 – the sentence is somewhat conflicting and incomplete. I think they mean that the women were excluded from the study (insert the); but if they were excluded, why is it taking them 15 minutes to fill the questionnaire. If they are excluded, they cannot be also completing the questionnaire. Line 153 – the majority Line 242 gives a significant number but nothing is mentioned about what is significant. Line 343. It would be more appropriate to indicate that there is a possibility, that some of the assistants might have altered the information; instead of just saying that might have altered it.	questionnaire took 15 minutes to fill it and were excluded from the study”. We have made all the other corrections
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		