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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	See Minor Revisions	
Minor REVISION comments	Line 266 - replace the word "this" with "these" (plural) Line 268 - omit the word "us". Avoid using first person in scholarly writing Line 274 - replace the word "huge" (this is subjective) with the word significant. Avoid subjective terms and adjectives. The reader can determine the level of significance from the data Line 288 - omit "there" (their is the correct term) Line 290 - I would replace "that explains" with "that may explain" Line 293 - replace "A lot need to be done" with "Action to address this measured disparity is indicated" Line 304- replace "is due to the following reasons, health facilities." with "may be related to care access; health facilities..." Line 323 - should read "total number of" not "total number f" Line 329 - the word "part" should be plural Line 330- rather than saying "which is very high", I would clarify by saying "was found to have a significantly elevated MMR" Line 331 - I would omit "still too high". Any mortality rate is too high. Keep writing objective, particularly when referring to statistical data. I would replace "still too high" with the word "significant". Line 332 - replace "clearly" with "clear"	Ok
Optional/General comments	The author may want to consider adding Antenatal Care (ANC) to the key terms. Early and adequate care is a variable which has been demonstrated to affect maternal and fetal outcomes.	