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## **Where there is a will, there is a way: Enhancing contraceptive uptake in Pakistan**

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*Madam/sir*, we have read the article, "Where there is a will, there is a way: Enhancing contraceptive uptake in Pakistan" with support and agreement on the authors view that investing in public-sector services does pay off in terms of meeting family planning needs, and so do better, wider and clearer communication. However, there are some equivocal points that require the attention and are hereby enlisted:

The introduction section couldn't give an idea about the gap of knowledge the current study tried to cover. The current study was planned to assess the contribution of a series of interventions on contraceptive uptake and reduction in unmet needs in FALAH areas at an old period of time from 2008 till 2011 while the article was published 12 years later.

Being a quasi-experimental study; it was important to be conducted for testing one or more hypothesis linking the dependent and independent variables together.<sup>1</sup> No

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hypothesis was formulated.

The authors didn't provide a rationale for selecting the study setting.<sup>1</sup>

The researchers didn't describe exactly the data collection instruments used during the interview. Piloting the data collection instruments were not done, piloting is important to test the clarity, applicability and time needed for filling in the instruments.<sup>1</sup> Data collection instruments were not tested for validity and reliability.

The interview details were not adequately described nether for female nor for their husbands, health facility managers and health care providers.

Recommendations of the study if mentioned; would help researchers to start from the end of others

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