Reviewer’s report

Title: Demographic, socio-economic, and cultural fertility differentials in Nepal

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   -Yes, author has clearly described the question with justification.

Discretionary Revisions

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   -It might be benefitted with hypothesis?
   Has DHS (2006) collected the data on migration? There might be an association between migration and fertility.

3. Are the data sound?
   -Author has used reliable source of data.

Minor Essential Revisions

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   -This manuscript has used reasonable amount of evidence however it would be benefitted to have some evidence in background section.
   -For example:
   Author has written “Nepal has seen substantial improvements on its reproductive health outcomes; total fertility is still very high compared with other developing countries”. Author can support this statement with some evidences.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   -It is acceptable.

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6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
   -This paper lacks of limitation. Author is recommended to add some strength and limitation of this study in the discussion section.

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
-Yes, author has precisely communicating in abstract according to title.
9. Is the writing acceptable?
-Well written with appropriate evidences and explanation.

Major Compulsory Revisions
Non-Hindu is not consistent in page 8 in 3rd paragraph.
Referencing
This paper has not followed BMC pregnancy and childbirth guidelines for referencing. References should be in 1. author title joournal........
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Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'