Reviewer's report

Title: Improved pregnancy outcome despite low literacy on the Thai-Burmese border: results of three cross-sectional surveys

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

Question is defined but it lost its essence at some places where only educational level got the lead instead of its relationship or impact on birth outcome.

Procedure of collecting data is obscure, though leveling of education and pregnancy outcome is well defined.

Result of Multivariate analysis is not here.

Discussions have lost tracks many times and not focused on the issue entitled. As source of education was not identified and not needed for this study, this could not be the limitation of the study. Predictors for having education have also do not go along the title. Authors could highlight the importance of education for IEC materials which they tried but again not in a strong and meaningful way.

Suddenly they jumped on the conclusion which is again hypothetically written.

No clear acknowledgement of the basis of this research though some near to relevant work are mentioned here.

Title could explain the study population and abstract needs more results like results of association of all outcomes and literacy in terms of univariate and multivariate analysis.

Statistics: They did a lot statistical tests some of which seems irrelevant, like tests for language known over time and sites, Logistic regression for hospital delivery which indicates that which one is important for study does not get attention. All Tables are not mentioned in Result section.

Minor Essential Revisions: Please check the language as it is mentioned as 'compared' these are association not comparison

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a
statistician.

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