Reviewer’s report

Title: Effect of high parity on occurrence of anemia in pregnancy: a cohort study

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Major Compulsory Revision.

1. Please explain why you used 1939 pregnancies of 479 women as a cohort for the study. It seems to me that this is not an appropriate method of cohort study. Since the pregnancies occurred from 1990 through 2005 of 479 women and the highest parity of woman was 18, it is not correct to compare AIP of the first pregnancy of a woman with her AIP of the 18th pregnancy. How were you assure the quality of data on MHCs in 1990 comparable with that in 2005?

2. The number you showed in the abstract of pregnancy and women is different from the number in the method section, please check.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.