Reviewer's report

**Title:** Survival of neonates in rural Southern Tanzania: Does the place of delivery matter?

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The article should go for major compulsory revision not so much around the data analysis and other methodology but the more about a clear research question + related background information followed by a systematic discussion.

After the first review the authors made minimal revisions whereas MAJOR changes are required. Also the English needs major upgrading.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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:**

No conflict of interests