Reviewer's report

Title: Variations in Preterm Birth Rates by Level of Prenatal Care and Ethnicity in New Mexico

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In the revised version, the authors have satisfactorily addressed most of the concerns raised by the reviewers. The purpose of the study is clear now and the methods and results are easier to interpret. Despite this progress, a few revisions are needed:

Figures 2-4 still use a natural scale in the y-axis, despite two reviewers having asked for the log scale, which is the correct one for odds ratios.

Conclusion: The second sentence does not make sense to me. First, the wording "prenatal care correlates with a lower the risk of PTB" should read "prenatal care correlates with a lower risk of PTB". Second, the phrase "we propose that these patients should receive more intensive prenatal care" does not make sense. If these patients are those who lacked prenatal care, who is it possible that they will be receiving more...

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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