Reviewer's report

Title: Academic Performance, Educational Aspiration and Birth Outcomes among Adolescent Mothers: a National Longitudinal Study

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Reviewer: Alexandre Ferraro

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Interesting and well designed study that allows for adequate exposure-outcome time sequence.
Very helpful, as well, the idea of testing for acknowledged mediators in search for pathways.
Having as outcome adolescent pregnancy, even if it was not the purpose of the study, would obviously enhance the contribution of this manuscript.
Limitations of the study were also well expressed.

Major Compulsory Revisions
Comments on the positive effect of smoking among Black girls on birth outcomes were not included. It would be important to add it.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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