Reviewer’s report

Title: Utilization of delivery care for rural women in China: does the New Cooperative Medical Scheme (NCMS) make a difference? A population-based cross-sectional study

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The study population came from two counties from Shannxi province. Please specify how many samples from each county, and whether there is difference between NCMS participation.

It is important to know whether the women have been paid by other fund except NCMS. The authors stated that there are some women participated other kind of insurance. However, in some poor western Chinese countries, there are some national or international program supporting hospital delivery. Please specify what is ‘formal’hospital

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'