Reviewer's report

Title: Non-improvement in under five mortality in Uganda from 1995 to 2000: a retrospective analysis

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Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore)

- Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct) Include review of more recent data ie in the past 5 years

- Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions .In my opinion they could add some information about teenage pregnancies and the socio-religious component and which may contributed to the need for multiple pregnancies which is not very well illustrated. My suggestion is that they review more recent data some of the data used is from 2002 almost a decade away and include more recent findings .

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.

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