Reviewer's report

Title: Modelling strategic interventions in a population with a total fertility rate of 8.3: a cross-sectional study of Idjwi Island, DRC

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Discretionary Revision

The value of the TFR is presented as background but is actually a result from your survey. In the absence of information about data quality, and the extremely large value, I would encourage caution in accepting the number 8.3 at face value. The TFR in this population would certainly be very high. Your interpretations and conclusions do not depend on it being as high as 8.3. I would regard 8.3 as almost certainly an over-estimate.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.