Reviewer's report

Title: Breastfeeding practices in urban and rural Vietnam

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The authors have made a considerable number of improvements to the manuscript. However, the issue of exclusive breastfeeding has still not been satisfactorily addressed.

In their manuscript, the authors discuss the issue of first feeds other than colostrum or breastmilk. However, they do not state the number of infants who receive feeds other than breastmilk. Of course, by definition, any infants that receive feeds other than breastmilk are not and never can be exclusively breastfed.

This is important in interpreting Figure 1 in which all four groups start at 100%. This is OK - it's the way survival curves are presented - but in order to interpret the data, the proportion of infants ever exclusively breastfed (i.e., being breastfed on discharge from hospital or clinic, etc.)

Without correctly addressing the issue of exclusive breastfeeding, the paper cannot be published.

If the authors have not collected this data (which is pretty basic), then they should rewrite the paper as "any breastfeeding"