Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of anemia and deficiency of iron, folic acid, and zinc in children under 2 years of age and beneficiaries of the Mexican Social Security Institute.

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General

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

Please discuss in more detail the use of a ferritin of 10 as a cut-off. Most recent work has used a value of 12. It would be best to provide the incidence of iron deficiency using both cut-offs in the paper.

The inclusion of infants who are 1-5 months of age changes the analysis considerably. It would be best to analyze this group separately.

Infants < 2.5 kg at birth would also be best analyzed separately.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Do the authors have information about the usual length of breastfeeding in these populations?

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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' below