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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Reviewer: ann hill

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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)

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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)

1. The remaining concern is the altitude formula (p9 para 2) which is still not mathematically acceptable. I have tried to locate the journal but it is rather obscure. It would be preferable to reproduce the formula exactly as printed in the journal.

2. Some typographical errors have crept in:-

   p8 para 3: should be Lactobacillus casei (not cassei).

   p13 para 1, last sentence: should be ‘statistically significant differences’ (not ‘significantly’) 

   p19 para 1 line 8: delete comma after ‘-2SD cut-off values’

   p19 penultimate line: ‘fewer than 3%’ (not ‘less than’) 

   p20 para 3 line 5: ‘This and other programs’ (not ‘others’) 

   p21 para 2, line 3: ‘…found in the NNS rural areas..’ (add NNS for clarity) 

   p21 penultimate line: ‘need for’ (not ‘need of’) 

   Table 4, lower half: Normal iron status (column 3) should be 62.0% (not 620) and penultimate column should be 64.9% (not 649)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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