Reviewer's report

Title: The influences of Taiwan's National Health Insurance on women's utilization of prenatal care: Investigation of differences between rural and non-rural areas

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1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined?
   The question posed by the authors is well defined. However, as I am providing a statistical review I am unable to comment on whether it is new.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work?
   This is a good piece of research that has been well designed and provides sufficient detail of the work. It would appear that the original study was designed and powered to see a difference between groups. However, this has not in fact been the case.

3. Are the data sound and well controlled?
   The data appear to be sound and well controlled.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   The manuscript concludes that there are no differences. However, there is no discussion on the size of differences that can be excluded using the sample size available. I would like to see some discussion on this added to the manuscript.

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   Please see comment in (5).
7. Is the writing acceptable?

Yes

Overall I would be happy to approve this manuscript for publication.