Reviewer's report

Title: Socio-economic factors associated with delivery by traditional birth attendants in Iraq, 2000

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The research in question is an important area of public health. The study utilized nationally representative data of MICS, which is a strength of this study.

The sampling methodology should be explained more systematically for readers to understand it easily. The paper does contain information about a country where very little information is available, however, as a reader I am concerned about what is new in this paper.

Further citation is required to support the findings of the study in the discussion. Limitation of the study should be revised. Writing is acceptable, however at places minor improvement is necessary.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.