Reviewer’s report

Title: Cooking fuel choices and garbage burning practices as determinants of birth weight: a cross-sectional study in Accra, Ghana

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The authors have responded adequately to almost all of my previous comments. The manuscript reads well and will be a contribution to the literature.

Major compulsory revisions: None.

Minor essential revisions: None.

Discretionary revisions: I continue to disagree with the authors on their exclusion of examining other aspects of reproductive outcomes such as preterm birth and small for gestational age. They have the data and the report would be significantly more complete with these outcomes included. They are correct that risk factors for preterm and low birthweight are different, but it is likely that some risk factors are common. This would give them the opportunity to contribute data to a topic that has a dearth of information.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.