Reviewer's report

Title: The effect of participatory women's groups on birth outcomes in Bangladesh: does coverage matter? A cluster randomized trial.

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For the most part the replies given by the authors are sensible. However, some have not been extended throughout the entire revised manuscript. The revised manuscript has its pages numbered from 1 to 21.

Replies from the authors:

7. The replacement of [parameter] by [factor] has NOT been made over the entire manuscript. See P(age) 4, p(aragraph) 3, l(ine) 10 where [parameters] should be replaced by [factors] and P 4, p 4, l 1 where [parameter] should be replaced by [factor]. Also P 12, p 4, l 3. replace [parameter] by [factor].

14. Since k is not a common use of a coefficient of variation in the statistical literature, it should reference the Hayes & Moulton book for its use.

31. Thanks for providing the URL to see the report; however, it should now be put after R(eference) 19 on P 15 and list the date of last access.

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1. P 6, p 3, l 2 and 3. Since the first use of [UCL] is on l 2, it should be defined here rather than on l 3 and 4.

2. P 15, R 5. This reviewer could not find the MDGs at this website. However, a Google search found the website http://www.undp.org/mdg/basics.shtml and the goals were listed there. I suggest you use this URL and include the date you last accessed it in your R list.