Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of Early and Current Helicobacter pylori infection on the risk of anaemia in 6.5-year-old Ethiopian children

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The following comments are for the reference of authors:

1. In their cohort of 856 children at age 6.5 years, stool H. pylori antigen was measured at 3, 5 and 6.5 years while hemoglobin and red cell indices were measured at 6.5 years. Among them, 848 have H. pylori data and hematology data are available in 739 subjects. Do these missing data have influence on their final results?

2. They use multivariate analysis to adjust confounding factors such as age, body height, place of residence, source of water and maternal education etc. Are antibiotic use, parasite infection and body weight considered in their analyses?

3. In table S1, H. pylori infection rate is higher for children from urban area as compared to those from rural area. Do authors have any explanations for this finding?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests' below