Reviewer’s report

Title: Determinants of Stillbirth among Women Deliveries at Amhara Region, Ethiopia

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Overall, this data and important information from a high-burden area on a topic of great interest and importance. Overall we need more global data on the burden and risk factors for stillbirth in LMIC. However there are weaknesses in the analysis and reporting in the manuscript that need to be improved/revised before considered for publication. The English grammar needs to be edited throughout. In the review I'll mainly comment on the science, however an English editor may help with the language. Abstract: Do not need to define pregnancy loss in abstract but rather emphasize importance (definitions can go in methods of main paper)Results: in general do not need to describe the prevalence of every risk factors in abstract. However it would be useful to report the magnitude of the ORs/RRs and 95% CI's. Sometimes it maybe useful to report the prevalence if it affects the Population Attributable Fraction. Methods: What is the Mini DHS, does it use the same methods as DHS. I'm sorry I'm not familiar with this, but it would be helpful to clarify with readers in much more detail how this was conducted. It would be helpful to report on the methods of sample/participant selection and surveying. How were interviewed households selected? What types of questions/data were collected? How were data collected on other relevant variables/covariates (like gestational age or birthweight?). Who performed the survey? Do not need details of how coding of specific variables was done. Need some info on how the multivariate model was chosen. Since its a cohort study you can calculate RR instead of OR (OR is ok generally if incidence/prevalence is low, though here it seems stillbirth incidence is quite high). Results: In general in the results, if data is in reported in the tables, it does not need to be extensively repeated in the text, especially the frequencies/prevalences of specific RF. How is Rich/poor defined? For age, it typically is useful to have a lower age cutoff given risk is higher in adolescents (maybe =4 visits). For Birth interval it would be useful to have a shorter interval Are the methods appropriate and well described? If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

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