Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessing the risk factors before pregnancy of preterm births in Iran: a population-based case-control study

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Reviewer: Isaiah Agorinya

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The paper generally has a scientific merit, the authors have done a great job in the application of their methods and analyses.

After carefully reviewing this article, I find the entire article carefully thought through and written. I however have a few comments.

1. In the table 1, column percentage should be considered to make comparison between cases and controls possible for variables.

2. There is no proof of use of chi-squared test in the tables as stated in 112-113.

3. Line 113, ".....the association between ....". the T should be capitalized

4. From Table 2. The odds ratios for the variables that were not significant in the multivariate logistic model have not been shown in the table. It is important to have these results displayed in the table as part of the output from the logit models.

5. Description of demographics characteristics have not been included in the results section. Column percentages should be computed for the demographics and the results discussed.

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