Reviewer’s report

Title: Health, Nutrition, and Development of Children Born Preterm and Low Birth Weight in Rural Rwanda: a Cross-sectional Study

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Reviewer: Keli Hawthorne

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Excellent study design and manuscript. As I read through it and thought of questions, you addressed them all as I kept reading. I appreciated that you noted small but important factors in the study such as the validation of the ASQ-3 in Rwanda and the overall very poor status of the group assessed.

Two very minor points to confirm:

1) page 9 - lines 22-25 Manuscript says 6.0% of children had microcephaly and 3.6% had macrocephaly while Table 3 reports the opposite (6% macrocephaly, 3.6% microcephaly)

2) page 10, line 45 - Please confirm that median of ASQ-3 scores was 0 for children with microcephaly.

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