Reviewer’s report

Title: Contraceptive Use before First Pregnancy by Women in India (2005-2006): Determinants and Differentials

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Reviewer: Rashid Ansumana

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The article describes coherently contraceptive use before birth in India. The source of the data sets used was accessed and authors seem to have analysed the data well.

However, I have a few comments to be considered before publication.

1. Because the dataset refers to 2005/2006 which is about a decade ago, I advise authors to add this to the title so that it reads like this: Contraceptive Use before First Birth in India: Determinants and Differentials-2005/2006

Authors need to also add to the methods section:

1. version of software used for statistical analyses
2. Whether they obtained ethical clearance for use of the data or why not
3. Finally, information in Table 1 cannot be easily understood by non-Indians. To make it understandable by all readers, I recommend that authors provide a map of India with the information in Table 1 depicted.

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