Reviewer’s report

Title: Social determinants of accessibility to birth registration in Lao PDR

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Abstract: Ok

Introduction: In page 5, line 7, the author stated that 75% birth registration is the lowest in South east Asia, whereas Indonesia is 67% and Cambodia is 62%. Therefore, the statement should read "one of the lowest".

Methods: In page 7, line 44, the author stated 14 social determinant covariates but 13 were listed. Therefore the author should provide the additional covariate or change 14 to 13 in the text.

Results: Ok

Discussion; Ok

References: Ok

General Comments: The authors should provide more insight into the wide disparity between birth registration and birth certification. What are they possible factors that could have led to this? Is there issue with issuance of certificate by the relevant authorities? Is there issue with adequate safe keeping of issued certificate? The answers to these questions will be important in the conclusions of this paper.

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