Reviewer's report

Title: Education and micronutrient deficiencies: an ecological study exploring interactions between women's schooling and children's micronutrient status

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Reviewer: Mehwish Hussain

Reviewer's report:
I appreciate the authors' response and revision in the manuscript. However, I recommend authors if they reconsider modifications as suggested by the peer reviewers previously. These are indicated below:

1. The reviewer was right that the intrusive appearance of "non-pregnant women" after almost half of the manuscript was read as odd. It is hence recommended to mention it somewhere in the objective either as minor objective or in the methodology as inevitable secondary result. Please, check the suitability of mentioning the same and then present the findings appropriately.

2. The description of six indicators in the methodology was a good move. Author excused the reviewer's suggestion mentioning the cut-offs in a table. I strongly recommend to make a table or a figure of the cut-offs and mention the same in annex as supplementary material. This is because, since there are many indicators and manuscript has too many findings. Reader will find difficulty in repetitive up and down scrolling in order to check what were the cut-offs. A table in the annexure will help out avoiding this exercise by the reader.

3. This comment is additional to the previous comments that look for the typographical mistakes in the manuscript and references too. Like the title of the reference 4 was mistyped with paternal while it would be parental. Similarly, 19 country analysis has to be replaced with 19 countries analysis. Please, look for other similar errors in the manuscript.

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