Reviewer’s report

Title: Neonatal, Infant, and Child Mortality Among Women Exposed to Intimate Partner Violence in East Africa: A Multi-Country Analysis

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Reviewer: Angela Taft

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I still have serious concerns about your justification that a BMI rate below the median/mean population average used previously in another study is a sufficient justification to use it again. I was hoping for better rationale. I do not doubt that BMI is an important mediator. I see this in the DHS data we have analysed in Timor Leste, where stunting is also a problem and women's underweight a significant issue. I suggest you should not draw conclusions from it, and should remove these conclusions as you have other findings that are important and valid. I recommend you reduce the discussion sections that refer to these findings. But this is discretionary.

However, the remainder of your analysis has sufficient merit for publication.

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