Reviewer’s report

Title: Stillbirths: How should its rate be reported, its disability-adjusted-life-years (DALY), and stillbirths adjusted life expectancy

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The manuscript is an important contribution to clarify the comparability and interpretation of global databases in regard of fetal and neonatal mortality. The authors address the lack of conceptual clarity in high-ranked published analysis of stillbirth as global health parameter. Going in the deep they could shown potential misleading interpretation of the results of millennium goal 4 and other global health reports about the progress in perinatal health.

The competence of the reviewer as obstetrician allows not to evaluate the correctness of the mathematic and statistical methods used here. Therefore a additional review with such competence is recommended.

The presented results and suggestions seems me worthy of publication, but possible not in BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth because it seems not suitable for this readership. It should be considered to switch the manuscript in an other journal of the BMC family e.g. BMC International Health or BMC Medical informatics.

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