Reviewer’s report

Title: The elimination of healthcare user fees for children under five substantially alleviates the burden on household expenses in Burkina Faso

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The authors have made important improvements in the manuscript taking into consideration many of the points made in the earlier review. These have improved the manuscript.

However, I’m personally not convinced that they have still paid enough attention to the comments about the multivariate analysis. I also cannot really understand why more information about the precise specifications, etc. they have used cannot be presented as part of the manuscript as part of additional files since there is no word limit in the journal. Areas such as how variables in the multi-variate analysis were chosen are critical in assessing the results from these analyses.

Overall, I would recommend that perhaps a third reviewer should be asked to have a look at the multivariate statistics in the manuscript since the authors seem to disagree with my initial assessment.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests