Reviewer’s report

Title: Mediating Role of Arsenic in the Relationship between Diet and Pregnancy Outcomes: Prospective Birth Cohort in Bangladesh

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Thank you for your careful attention and responses to previous comments, which have been satisfactorily addressed. Several minor suggestions are listed below.

Introduction

- Lines 69-72: Please confirm the number of 300 million people impacted by As exposure and the reference (http://www.who.int/ipcs/assessment/public_health/arsenic/en/). The Fact Sheet linked to on this page states "at least 140 million people in 50 countries have been drinking water containing arsenic at levels above the WHO provisional guideline value of 10 μg/L."
- Lines 80-83: Specify that the concentrations listed are means.
- Line 88: When using "Arsenic" at the beginning of a sentence, it would be clearer to write out "Arsenic" rather than using the abbreviation "As".
- Line 91: An "and" is missing in the sentence: "...stillbirth, and moderate risk..."

Results

- Line 267: An "a" is missing in the sentence: "...who came from a family..."
- Lines 266-269: Include p-values.
- Table 2: Please specify what test "*P" is determined by.

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