Reviewer's report

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The revised manuscript and authors' response addressed all my original comments.

Discretionary revision:

For comparative purposes the authors added 3 developed countries in Figure 3 (UK, Japan and US). I would like to encourage the authors to add (or replace) to that comparison at least one country from Eastern Europe with lower mean age at first birth - the Czech Republic had mean age at first birth around 22.5 years in the 1980s and now is around 28 years; the Russin Federation - 22.5 years in the early 1990s and now is around 25 years (data available at www.humanfertility.org).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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I have no competing interests.