Reviewer’s report

Title: Delayed initiation of Antenatal Care and Associated Factors in Ethiopia: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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The article is very good and very important to support future public politics. However, there are some observations that I would like to highlight:

1) Why not to include case series?

2) In the results: a) page 9, line 40, remove the parentheses after CI.

   b) I would put "Family monthly income" before "Marital status" according to the order presented in table 2.

3) The content presented within the discussion, between lines 45 and 54 on page 12, is already contained in the results. Therefore, I think it should be withdrawn.

4) In the same way, in my point of view, the content presented in the results on page 13 between lines 1 and 15 and on page 15, between lines 30 and 48, should be placed in the conclusion.

5) I think it should be placed as another limitation the heterogeneity of the included studies.

6) In table 1, it would be better to show that 1006 studies were excluded by duplication (in the first part of the table) and 1 study was excluded because of poor methodological quality (at the end of the table).

7) I would like to understand how the 32 excluded articles by duplication were not identified in the first phase where 1006 were excluded for the same reason.

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