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It would have been better to constitute the two groups according to the standard definition of adolescence, so that Group 1 would have been 19 years or younger and Group 2 20 years or older.

In the Table 1 it would have been good to include the N for each group.

It is a pity that the questionnaire did not include any questions whether the women had experienced the female genital mutilation or not. On one hand we know that the practice of FGM is prevalent in Northern Ghana and on the other other we know that women with FGM are more likely to experience complications at delivery. While the study was of small scale and would not have been able to respond to the question whether the higher rate of cesarean sections and stillbirths among younger women was associated to their FGM status, it would have nevertheless been important to ask about the FGM status.

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