Reviewer’s report

Title: Folate, vitamin B12, ferritin and haemoglobin levels among women of childbearing age from a rural district in South India

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Reviewer: Ayesha Saeed

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A well written article. I have a few suggestions.

TITLE needs to be rephrased as you were investigating other parameters too. You were actually working with biomarkers of nutritional status (biochemical and anthropometric).

ABSTRACT:

First line of introduction should be very accurate and concise. Your statement Low folic acid and vitamin B12 levels are hypothesised to affect pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes sounds a sweeping statement. Don't we have evidence for it?

The last line of conclusion in abstract was not drawn from the results so please delete it.

MANUSCRIPT CONCLUSION:

Folate deficiency Effect of folic acid supplementation during pregnancy on gestational hypertension/preeclampsia: increased with age.

This line is copy pasted from somewhere and needs to be rephrased.

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