Reviewer’s report

Title: Maternal knowledge and attitudes towards complementary feeding in relation to timing of its initiation in rural Bangladesh

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Very well written paper, with really interesting findings and a strong sample size.

Few small corrections are needed:

- Background - line 5: th WHO recommends breastfeeding until years of age OR BEYOND, total duration is limited only by infant's and mother's will. I would recommend to add that "beyond" since the line as it is could be misleading about WHO recommendations.

- Table 4 - last column: I believe there is typo, it sholud be Karimganj, Wave 3 (n= 351)

-Abstract and material and methods part (line 44): the presence of an intervention and a control group are definitely a strenght of this paper, I would suggest to clarify this study population separation in the abstract and straight away in the study population description (line 44), not only in the statistical analysis section.

Overall, the findings in this paper are really interesting and somehow unexpected. I would strongly recommend to the authors to comment the different findings in the the intervention group (1-e- table 1 knowledge of WHO recommended age for CF is lowe in wave three than in wave 1 or 2!). Moreover, in the discussion or conclusion it would be interesting to address the findings about the results of the intervention, was it effective? did it improve CF initiation and quality?
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