

Review of: "Using a Health and Demographic Surveillance System to Assess Stillbirths Trends and Risk Factors in Siaya County, Kenya between 2008 and 2019"

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Introduction

Please specify how low stillbirths are evidenced in the USA!

Research contribution, as well as the structure of the research study, should be specified very clearly!

Materials and Methods

There is no information illuminating the reasons that motivated the selection of this specific region provided for this research study. Could you please mention in one to two sentences why Siaya County was chosen for this research study? Instead of *index person*, please try to use some other term, e.g., subject person, or a similar term. You mentioned that the HDSS was established in 2001; why have you not used data since 2001?

Results

Table 1: Author(s) should replace *gravida* with pregnancy; *primagravida* with first pregnancy.

General comment

The authors are tackling an interesting topic using potentially rich data. Stillbirths are a significant topic, and therefore any research effort on this challenging topic is appreciated and welcome. The authors lack a Theoretical Background Section, where all effects of the indicators will be covered and explained. The fact that the authors in Table 1 have mentioned separately the references for each independent variable is not satisfying or well-grounded. Therefore, in the Discussion Section, the authors could refer much more to the relevant theoretical findings and the outcomes of their results, making a clear connection between these two sections. The discussion points and remarks should link the main findings to the research questions (which are not articulated in the study) and place the obtained results in the context of the theoretical frameworks discussed in the literature review.

