

# 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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Generally a well-written and important article describing stillbirths identified in HDSS system in Kenya over a 10-year period. Please address a few inconsistencies detailed below.

Introduction & ethical considerations: remember data are plural. Please check and update. Examples below.

Intro Paragraph 1: ‘.. The incomplete data on stillbirths ARE... (not is)..’

Intro Paragraph 2: ‘To be able ... detailed ... data ARE..’

Ethics ‘... de-identified data WERE (not was)...’

Please check dates in methods, results & discussion sections and abstract- were data from 2008-2019 or 2011 -2020?

Inconsistent between sections of manuscript.

For table 2, column percentages would make more sense than row %.

Trends of stillbirth- correct rates to /1000 total births (not live births)

Please review and revise this sentence: switching between 40 years old and 40 weeks gestation. ‘Due to high risk of stillbirth among the women aged 40 years and above, induction of

labour by 40 weeks gestation is recommended, especially for those in their first pregnancy’