Review of: "Analyzing Policy to Address Infant Mortality in High-Risk Populations"

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In general, this paper is very interesting and provides a lot of new knowledge. One finding is that the infant mortality rate in the U.S. increased in 2022, with tendencies higher in states with higher proportions of black and rural populations. The findings of the study indicate that addressing infant mortality by providing pilot programs in rural areas could promote primary preventive strategies and reduce adverse outcomes. Then, tracking data and outcomes will be a critical component of program evaluation.

The stages of the research procedure that were conducted for this study included identifying articles related to infant mortality, initiatives related to infant mortality, public health campaigns, and awareness initiatives. However, the paper does not explain in more detail what the researchers did after the data was obtained. Then, in my opinion, the author needs to provide information regarding the number of articles used, the range of years the articles were published, and the software used for the analysis. This additional information will clarify the methodology of this study.

Pilot programs are mentioned in the paper, but no further explanation of the programs is given. The authors need to give more information about the programs, such as whether they involve education on antenatal care, breastfeeding, or other activities, in order for readers to fully understand the pilot programs discussed here.