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Please find my evaluation enclosed as an attachment.

Evaluation:

Manuscript Title: Effect of malaria and geohelminth infection on birth outcomes in Kumasi, Ghana

This manuscript is well written and worth reporting. One thing that is not clear to me is the final part of the results section and the end of conclusions.

In the result section, the authors state that twenty-two percent of the women experienced an adverse birth outcome. The prevalence of adverse birth outcomes was higher in women infected with malaria (11.4%) or helminthes (7.1%) compared with uninfected women (8.4% and 4.5%, respectively). Though not statistically significant, women with malaria or helminthes were 40% and 60%, respectively, more likely to experience an adverse birth outcome compared with women without these infections.

At the end of the conclusion, the authors state that their data did not support the association of malaria with adverse birth outcomes.

This is confusing and needs to be made clearer.

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