

Responses to Reviewer's comments

Reviewer: Authors should use 'incidence rate' consistently. They should not use 'prevalence'

Globally, 20 million LBW babies are born each year, of which 96.5% of them are in developing countries while the prevalence of LBW is about 15.5% [20]. In another study, the overall prevalence of LBW in developing countries was 15.9% Rashidul et al. [16].

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Response: We cannot alter the findings of authors. You may wish to read the articles we cited.

Reviewer: prevalence

Comment [U02]: Incidence rate

Response: We cannot alter the findings of authors. You may wish to read the article we cited.

Reviewer: This is not clear, how come only the prevalence rate for 2003 is available.

Response: The 7.9 % is the prevalence rate for the period under study (1990 to 2013) not only for 2003.

Reviewer: Incidence rate' should be used consistently.

Response: Prevalence is correct. The prevalence rate is 7.9%.

Comment [U03]: 'Incidence rate' should be used consistently.

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prevalence

Comment [U04]: incidence

Response: We cannot alter the findings of authors. You may wish to read the paper we cited.

Reviewer: This was not discussed in the 'Results' or 'Discussion' section of this manuscript.

the reported number of babies weighed at birth is still poor in Nigeria

Comment [U05]: This was not discussed in the 'Results' or 'Discussion' section of this manuscript.

Response: see "It is not surprising because a good number of births (63.0%) in 2013 NDHS did not take place in a health facility, National Population Commission, Federal Republic of Nigeria and ICF International [14]."

Reviewer: Significant number of Old references

Response: We cited relevant and available literatures.