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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>(1) The study investigates the distributional pattern and related characteristics of live births before and during the COVID-19 pandemic across the state of Para, Northern Brazil using data from Brazil's live birth information surveillance system (SINAC) from 2016 to 2020. The study is straightforward and contributes to the growing literature on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our world. However, the study relies almost entirely on descriptive analysis and does not put forward recommendations that are specifically tied to the findings.</p> <p>(2) In the abstract, lines 14 to 18 is unclear. The sentence is poorly constructed and too long.</p> <p>(3) Graph 1 shows a reduction in live births over time between 2016 and 2020 as stated by the author(s) on page 5. However, the initial increase in live births with the highest peak in 2018 was not mentioned.</p> <p>(4) Some editorial work is needed. For instance, there are places in the manuscript where uppercase is used instead of lowercase and vice versa or where sentences end abruptly or prepositions are missing etc. I have highlighted a few of the typographical and grammatical errors in the manuscript.</p>	
Minor REVISION comments	<p>(1) Pages 6 and 7 (Lines 115 to 119): There is no need to repeat all of the values from table 2 in the text since table 2, graph 2 and the maps are referenced in the text.</p> <p>(2) References should be in alphabetical order.</p> <p>(3) Pages should be numbered.</p> <p>(4) The full meaning of the acronym – SINASC – should be written in full the first time it is used or at least in the methodology section as many readers may not be familiar with the data surveillance system. Other acronyms e.g. CNN should also be written in full the first time they appear in the text.</p> <p>(5) There are places in the text, tables and map legends where commas are used instead of decimal points or full stops instead of commas and vice versa. There are also areas in the text with missing brackets. For example, some of the percentages in the abstract should be in brackets.</p>	
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PART 2:

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