Reviewer’s report

Title: The Timing of Elective Caesarean Delivery between 2000 and 2009 in England

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. It is a well conducted study addressing an important question in the timing of elective caesarean section at term, and the impact of the NICE guideline in influencing clinical practice. This would serve as a good baseline measure to further develop some implementation research related to increasing adherence to the guideline recommendations. A limitation as indicated by the authors relates to the lack of neonatal data available (particularly RDS), which ideally should be collected to provide a complete evaluation of the guideline impact.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.