Reviewer’s report

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REVIEW
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GENERAL ISSUE TO NOTE
Abstract
- Some sentences are too long
- The key words did not match the method and result in the abstract (preterm, breastfeeding)

Introduction
- Should be shorter. Some sentences were repeated, it should be in 1 sentence with some references. It is not necessary to repeat information in the narration
- To focus on KMC after discharge, reduce morbidity and mortality of LBW

Methods
- Continuous and intermittent KMC should be explained clearly
- Different intervention during continuous and intermittent KMC should be posted
- Follow up only for KMC after discharge, without control group
- Continuous and intermittent KMC should be compared
- The outcome should be explained by incorporating the evaluation
- Why was verbal consent used instead of written consent?
- Since the subjects of the study were mothers who practiced KMC, it’s not necessary to put it in the inclusion criteria

Results
- There should be more informative description by table: Data when entering the study (mean birth weight, gestational age, age starting KMC) and information about 2 groups
Discussion
- Some points did not support the data in the result
- Not well-managed, too long, confusing

Conclusion
- Should be shorter to answer the objective
- Some information was not appropriate

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interest.