Reviewer's report

**Title:** Pre-pregnancy body mass index and weight gain: Where is the tipping point for preterm birth?

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(1). Major Compulsory Revisions

None

(2). Minor Essential Revisions

(a) STATISTICAL ANALYSIS: It is important to state the statistical package used in the analysis to make for better replicability of the results. The method of entering the variables in the logistic models is also important information to enhance understanding of how to weight the study findings and the conclusions.

(3). Discretional Revisions

(a). The authors may consider revising the capitalization of "White" and "Black" in the body of the text to make for a smoother reading.

**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