Reviewer's report

Title: Potential prevention of small for gestational age in Australia: a population-based linkage study

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Is an interesting article about population risk factors. Is well known that there are modifiable risk factors such as smoking and drug abuse in SGA babies. And those not modifiable such a previos history can also be prevented with improvement in antenatal care.

I would like to see a table with a resume of the results, because there are not so easy to interpreted.

In the discussion i would like an explanation about those odd risk factors that turn out to be protective such as protective effects of residence in a geographically remote area (they have better antenatal care?) to explained how the system works in Australia (patients with previous history managed by specialists?)

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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 interests'