Reviewer's report

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

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I have three minor issues;

1 The group with incomplete data excluded, show characteristics prone to SGA; may your results therefore be underrated? If so, please state.

2 Mothers born overseas are a risk factor. Racial characteristics are not given. There are also second generations Asians that have infants with lower birth weight; this might affect your result; if the group is relative small it is no problem and please say so.

3 Maternal nutrition. In the introduction low nutritional intake is mentioned as a risk factor. Nutritional status could be added (obesity).

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 have no competing interest