Reviewer's report

Title: International Migration and Caesarean Birth: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Reviewer: Sonja Merten

Reviewer's report:

The article is of importance in its field, and should be published. I have only minor comments.

Discretionary revisions:
- abstract and introduction: omit the quotes of 'Western industrialised'
- p. 15 low socio economic status (SES); high body mass index (BMI)
- p. 17: you mention the higher rates of caesarians in Southern European countries as a reason for the comparatively lower rates among migrants, although you state in the background section that also in the US, Canada and Australia rates were above 25%. Could you provide some more information about CS rates in the receiving countries?
- The quality of the figures is low, can this be improved?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests