Reviewer's report

Title: Neonatal outcomes in obese mothers: A population-based analysis

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Reviewer: Leonie Callaway

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A well written paper about a problem that has been extensively explored in the literature. Here, the authors provide additional details about perinatal outcomes relating to maternal obesity, and examine this in relation to mode of delivery.

Statistical approach is appropriate.

Issues:

1. I am not confident that all papers examining the issues of neonatal outcomes relating to maternal obesity have been examined. For example, McIntyre et al, Medical Journal of Australia, 2012 has significant detail which have not been mentioned.

2. No discussion provided as to how screening for gestational diabetes is undertaken. No discussion as to how hypertension in pregnancy is diagnosed or categorised.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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