Reviewer's report

Title: Ethnic differences translate to inadequacy of high-risk screening for gestational diabetes mellitus in an Asian population: a cohort study

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. Table 1. Please make clear on what the p value <0.001 in the line of BMI>30kg/m2 refers to.

2. Background, line 232-235. The revised version of the table 1 does not present anymore mean values for glucose levels (fasting or 2-h post) but number (%) of women in each ethnic group above the cut offs. Please present your results according to what you present in Table 1.

3. Results, line 243. I would suggest to revise the sentence in this way: "GDM risk based on universal screening remained higher..."

4. Results, line 247. Better delete the word "low". Rewrite: "Overall sensitivity and specificity of high-risk screening were 51.6% and 52.2% respectively."

5. Results, line 248 and 249. I would suggest that you use here past and not present tense as in the remaining manuscript.

6. Results, line 256-257. Please add that this result [OR=1.25 (0.84, 1.86)] is not presented in a table. Am I right? Why do you present Indian VS non-indian origin as a risk factor?

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

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.