Reviewer’s report

**Title:** From screening to postpartum follow-up - the determinants and barriers for gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) services, a review

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**Reviewer:** Risto J Kaaja

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XThis is an interesting mainly descriptive report on obstacles related to screening and treatment of GDM and postpartum challenges. The topic is difficult and confusing due to heterogeneity of the studies. But this review is a good start for lifestyle programmes, which as the authors suggest could be incorporated in children vaccination etc surveillance programmes.

I have only some suggestions:

1) Pounds and glucose levels could be indicated also in kg and mmol/l respectively

2) One paragraph could be added on positive results on T2DM prevention (lifestyle) studies in which also women with history of GDM have been included (DPS f.ex). Our goal in weight loss is not huge to prevent progression towards "real diabetes". Also some words on prevention of recurrence of GDM would be needed

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**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