Reviewer’s report

Title: Fetal growth determines duration of the human pregnancy

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Reviewer: Helle Kieler

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Major: The major concerns about controlling for the differences between LMP and HC-estimates and using HC values constructed from the same population remain in the revised manuscript. The authors have included a comment about overcorrection in the Discussion but the rationale for controlling for the difference between LMP and HC-estimates, when at the same time the HC-estimates are used to determine fetal size does not make sense. The authors have not responded to my previous comment about the HC values that are used to determine fetal size (and also controlled for) were in fact constructed from LMPs from the same population in which they now are tested.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests