Reviewer's report

Title: Epidemiology of nausea and vomiting of pregnancy: Prevalence, severity, determinants, and the importance of race/ethnicity.

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Reviewer: Roger Gadsby

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This is an interesting paper that is clear and well written. Numbers in the ethnic groups were representative of Montreal but the absolute numbers in the non caucasian groups were quite small

Major Compulsory Revision

1 Is this study generalisable to all pregnant women? Is the sample that are being studied represenative of all pregnant women in your area?

Do ALL pregnant women in the catchment area of the hospital get referred for Ante-natal care or only those with potential complications? In some areas significant numbers of pregnant women who are labelled at " low risk" get booked for home delivery or community delivery and never get referred to hospital. If this is the case in Montreal your study population may be biased.

A sentence or two explaining this will help the readers to know how generalisable your findings are

2 Discretionary Revision

Some comment about how accurately women call recall their symptoms would be useful. Your data collection is likely to be retrospective for some/all of the first trimester data

Level of interest: An article of importance 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