Reviewer's report

Title: Gastroesophageal reflux symptoms in infants in a rural population: longitudinal data over the first six months

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Vastly improved in content and readability. There is still room for further pruning e.g. the 2nd para in introduction and several areas in the discussion.

The discussion comments about several issues mostly unrelated to the objective of the study e.g. pitfalls of the IGERQ-R, diagnostic tests etc. This study is not designed to answer those questions. Just stay focussed with the key message which in itself is a very important message.

By the same token I find it ironic that they are willing to comment on smoking and gerd association but not breast feeding and gerd which is vital. Presenting the breast feeding data separtely is like salami slicing the same study for additional publications. I take strong exception to that.

FYI: The use of IGERQ-R scores besides the authors of the scores (ref 10, 32) is by our group (Khoshoo, Dhome, JPGN 2008)

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.