Reviewer's report

Title: The risk of obesity by assessing infant growth against the UK-WHO charts: findings from the Born in Bradford birth cohort study

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Reviewer: Pauline Emmett

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This is a very important paper which I would like to see published as soon as possible. It is extremely well written and clear. I could not find any problems with it at all. Therefore I would like to see it published unaltered with the possible exception of my comment below.

The only discretionary thing I would like to suggest is that the author's look at the latest National Diet and Nutrition Survey report (NDNS) on DoH website. If you look at the results 4.1b and the description of what was done 4.2.2.2. in a separate pdf - you will see that for the youngest children they have used the new UK-WHO charts and found very high levels of obesity which drop right back in the older children where these charts are not available. Not only that they have actually applied the wrong cut offs to the new charts - 85th & 95th centile instead of 91st and 98th. This is a perfect example of misinterpretation of the new charts. This is in the public domain so might well be worth including in your paper.

Level of interest: An exceptional article

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have received funding from Pfizer Ltd., Danone, Plum Baby and have written articles in this field. I do not think that any of these things compete with my ability to review this article objectively.