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Title: Current Pattern of Ponderal Indices of Term Small-for-Gestational Age Nigerian Babies

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COMMENTS

(A) DISCRETIONARY REVISION
LINE 3 OF INTRODUCTION AFTER ‘sex’: “OR LESS THAN 2.5KG FOR A TERM NEONATE
LINE 6 OF INTRODUCTION. CHANGE LATTER PART OF PREGNANCY TO 3RD TRIMESTER
These two corrections are for the interest of non-paediatricians

(B) MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS
1 LINE 7 OF INTRODUCTION DELETE THE ‘SMALL’ (WORD 7)
2 LINE 11 OF INTRODUCTION greater or equal to 37 weeks gestation should read greater or equal to 37-42 weeks
3 LINE 15 OF INTRODUCTION THE ‘S’ OF SYMMETRICAL SHOULD BE IN UPPER LETTER CASE
4 LINE 21-22 OF RESULTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE EXCLUSION CRITERIA IN LINE 10 OF THE SUBJECTS AND METHOD..
5 FROM LINE 5 OF DISCUSSION “ACCESS TO QUALITY------TO THE END OF THAT SENTENCE” CAN THAT ASSUMPTION BE SUSTANTIATED? PUT A REFRENCE OF DELETE IT.
6 LINE 11 “ADD: ALCOHOL IN THESE CONCOCTIONS IS USUALLY MINIMAL.

(C) OTHER COMMENTS
1 FOR EASY ACCESS, THE TABLES SHOULD BETTER BE PLACED IN THE RESULTS
2 THE NAMES OF THE AUTHORS SHOULD NOT BESENT TO REVIEWERS AS BLIND ASSESSMENT IS PREFERED IF BIASED ASSESSMENT SHOULD BE AVOIDED

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.

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests’