Reviewer's report

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

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MAJOR COMPULSORY REVISIONS.
1. Ref No. 1 - Insert Age after the word gestational on the third line before April.
2. Ref No. 11 - In the title, replace "in" with "of" and "child" with "population" to read "Standards of intrauterine growth for an African population at sea level".
3. Ref No. 12 - This is very ambiguous and similar to Ref No. 8. ACCURATELY MEASURING THE NEONATE no longer found on the medscape site. It is a section of Ref No. 8 pages 316-317. Ref No. 12 may well be expunged with rearrangement of the rest of the references.
5. Ref No. 30 - Year of publication should be 1988 NOT 1998.
6. Table III - There is a disparity between the categorization of weight and the other two. If the second category is 60 - 80 kg, then the third should be >80. However if they choose to use the same format used for height and BMI, then the second group will be 60 to <80 and the third will be >= 80.

MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS.
1. The abbreviation LASUTH should be introduced the very first time its full meaning is written preferably on the Title page.
2. On page 4, where Ref No. 10 was cited, it is Campbell and Thoms NOT Thomas. It was written correctly in the Reference section.
3. On page 12, in the paragraph starting with Empirical cut-off..., the third sentence comparing the weights and heights of mothers is incomplete particularly after the word compared.

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.