Reviewer’s report

Title: Exogenous surfactant therapy in 2013: what is next? Who, when and how should we treat newborn infants in the future?

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The authors have made substantial revisions to the paper in response to the reviewers' comments and the paper now reads much better.

Minor Essential Revision:

The only suggestion I have is about the use of the term 'MIST' to describe all forms of surfactant administration that do not involved endotracheal intubation. In the literature this term has specifically been used for surfactant administration using a feeding catheter or vascular catheter. I would restrict this term to this specific mode of administration, and not to administration through LMA or pharyngeal instillation. I suggest that the authors change the sub-heading of this section to 'Should surfactant always be administered through an endotracheal tube?' or 'Administration of surfactant via endotracheal tube vs other less invasive methods'.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.