Reviewer's report

**Title:** Revised Fenton growth chart for preterm infants

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**Reviewer:** shripada rao

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- Discretionary revisions:

  **Abstract:**

  1. Please add that one of the aims was to derive sex specific growth curves
  2. Second line in conclusions: The meaning of “confirmed or corrected gestational ages” is not very clear. “corrected gestational ages” could be deleted.
  3. The authors could add “these growth charts appear suitable for monitoring the growth of preterm infants until post-conception age of 50 weeks”.
  4. The PREM growth study was not truly international; it had data from only two places: Calgary and San Diego. You could simply call it as PREM growth study.

- **Figures:**

  For figures 8 and 9: Is it possible to add 25 and 75 centile lines? Currently, there is a huge gap between 10 and 50 centiles as well as 50 and 90 centiles.

- **Manuscript:** The authors could add a paragraph regarding the PREM growth study in this manuscript. Currently, they only make a brief mention of it (ref 9).

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest 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'