Reviewer’s report

Title: Comparing the growth of preterm infants through the gestational period of 37 to 50 weeks with the reference fetus

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Reviewer: Pieter Sauer

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This is the second version of the manuscript "comparing weight gain of preterm infants ".

Although the authors have made changes in the manuscript, they have not responded to major concerns as to the paper indicated after the first submission.

1. it is still unclear to me what the authors want to adress with this paper.
2. in this paper a comparison is made between weight gain in a cohort of infants, mainly from calgary with a small group from two other places with growth curves that are not published so far. therefore it is impossible to understand where the cohorts are compared to.
3. the authors have not responded to the issue of cross sectional data vs longitudinal data, of importance in relation to the period 27-41 weeks of gestation.
4. the paper is very hard to read and understand
5. I recieved 7 figures and only legends for 5 figures.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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