Reviewer’s report

Title: Perinatal Mortality of Pregnancies with Omphalocele: Data from the Chinese National Birth Defects Monitoring Network, 1996-2006

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Reviewer: Ingolf Juhasz-Böss

Reviewer’s report:

The question posed was well defined. The methods were appropriate and well described. The data seem to be sound and adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition. The discussion and conclusions should be revised (see below). Limitations of the work were described below. The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found, yet, the conclusion should be clarified. Due to linguistic errors, that sometimes, especially in the conclusion, I think that your article needs language corrections.

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