Reviewer's report

Title: Associations between preterm birth, small-for-gestational age, and neonatal morbidity and cognitive function among school-age children in Nepal

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The authors have addressed most questions and concerns raised this reviewer adequately.

Minor essential concerns remain unclear to the reviewer:

1. Can the authors explain why the percentage of SGA is higher than the percentage of LBW? Does that mean there were around 15% of infants which were term born with a BW > 2500g but less than 10th percentile BW for GA? Because I would expect it to be the opposite higher percentage LBW (i.e. BW < 2500g) than SGA (i.e. < 10th percentile) as all preterm infants will most likely be LBW?

2. only in the conclusion of the abstract and the manuscript the author use fetal growth restriction (suggestion multiple weight estimations during pregnancy indicating growth restriction). As in the manuscript the more appropriate term intrauterine growth restriction is used I would suggest to keep it consistent and use that term throughout the manuscript.

3. There is a typo on page 10 4th line from the bottom starting with We this cohort we have....

4. As I am not an expert in statistics I am not sure whether the explanation for not using multiple testing correction such as Bonferroni is appropriate and the arguments for it come from rather old references.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

The reviewer is currently also an employee of Danone research however, to my opinion, this does not hamper significantly my capabilities to objectively review the manuscript.