Reviewer’s report

Title: The economic burden of prematurity in Canada

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Major Compulsory Revisions

Model structure; second Paragraph
And cost parameters at the end of line two.

1.- Display in a box all parameters used in the Markov Model, together with the source. (puntual values, distributions and source).

2.- Include into general model
In the standard model of economic evaluation use a discount rates for costs and health effects

Discretionary Revisions

3. Line 3. Appendix Table A1-1. Excess prenatal resource utilization associated with women identified as high risk for preterm labour.

the analysis assumed that 50% of preterm births were associated with excess prenatal cost. Likewise the resources utilización should be taken into account a distribution for each group of gestational age.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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