Reviewer's report

Title: Catch-up growth up to ten years of age in children born very preterm or with very low birth weight

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Reviewer: Richard W Cooke

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General
This is a clearly written and well presented paper on a topic of interest to practicing paediatricians and neonatologists. The database from which the data is drawn is well known and of considerable size and essentially geographically defined. Although quite a bit has been written on later growth in preterm and IUGR babies, this paper makes original observations and more precisely quantifies the size of the effects to be expected.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests