Reviewer's report

Title: Iron absorption and oxidant stress during erythropoietin therapy in very low birth weight premature infants: a cohort study

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General

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

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

Page 9, first paragraph: change sentence to, "We had hoped to enroll at least 5 infants in each group as our power analysis suggested, but this did not occur, thereby increasing the chance of a type II error".

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.