Reviewer's report

Title: Late preterm birth is a risk factor for growth faltering in early childhood: a cohort study

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Minor revisions (mostly typos):
Page 3 line 2 from bottom: should be "underweight" and not underweighted
Page 6 line 14: should be "height"; lines 15 and 21: should be "underweight"
Page 7 line 2: should be "birth" and not births
Page 9, sentence starting on line 13 should be: "However, linear growth from birth to 24 months of age was higher among late preterm children than among term children: although still shorter than term children at 24 months, late preterm children grew on average 1.26 cm more than term children".
Table 3: Legend, should be "compared" and not "comparatively"; footnote 2, need to add "height" following "maternal"

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests