Author's response to reviews

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Reviewer's report

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Reviewer's report:

Sorry for my delayed reply because I am spending on my summer holiday these days. I just reviewed the paper and found authors did many revisions in the paper. But it seems they did not revise the manuscript along the lines suggested by us. But it is OK for me since in general, the paper is good for publication. I have no further comments.

Dear Prof. Xu,

Thank you for your helpful and valuable comments on this paper. We did many revisions from your advice. Your suggestions gave us a lot of inspiration during the revision.

Thanks a lot and best wishes.

Yanyu Lu
Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Emily Oken

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- Discretionary Revisions

Although small for gestational age and low birth weight are not the primary focus of this paper, it would enhance the paper if the authors included yearly rates of both outcomes, either in table 1 or a figure.

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 declare that I have no competing interests

Dear Prof. Emily Oken,

Thank you for your valuable comments on our paper. Your discretionary revisions are reasonable. We will publish another paper on trends of low birth weight and SGA in the near future. You will read details on the paper.

Best regards.
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Reviewer: Seppo Tapani Heinonen

Reviewer’s report:

The key message of the paper is interesting while it shows what is going on in China in terms of obstetrics. The paper is still a bit long, but the revision so far have made the paper much stronger.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'

Dear Prof. Seppo Tapani Heinonen,

Thank you for your valuable comments on this paper. We have done what we can to correct the English and shorten the size of the paper.

Best regards.

Yanyu Lu