Reviewer's report

Title: Pre-pregnancy care for women with pre-gestational diabetes mellitus: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Minor things that need attention:
1) in the abstract the sentence starting "Meta-analysis suggested that preconception care is effective in reducing congenital malformation," has that phrase repeated twice
2) discussion
   a) first sentence has "the CM" should be "the rate of CM"
   b) page 9 first paragraph. there are two HbA1c levels without units. (in the last three lines)
   c) page 9 paragraph starting "In the two studies that evaluated severe..." in the second line "] and the pooled.." should remove the "and"
   d) page 9 paragraph starting "In the two studies that evaluated severe..." when discussing the two studies would be useful to put the year of publication in eg "The study by Temple et al (year) [7]"
3) Table 5: the brackets used in the second column are different in the header to the other lines
4) Figure 4 and 5 blurry
5) Figure 5 has "perconception care"

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'