Reviewer's report

Title: Perinatal mortality in non-Western migrants in Norway: comparison with their country of birth and with Norwegian women

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Method
1. The insecurity of the PMR figures from countries in more than 3 decades of chaos like Afghanistan and Somalia should be stressed

2. Motivation for lack of adjusting for socioeconomic backgrounds factors, well known maternal lifestyle factors related to PM, gestational age ("prematurity" etc), maternal diseases

3. The reason for exclusion is not described.
The reason for inclusion is not motivated: in an obstetric perspective it is very unfair not to exclude multiple pregnancy when it comes to PM.

Results-Discussion
the result that "giving birth before 2001 is a risk for PM" is of importance and could be problematized further in Discussion. Has there been an increase awareness among health care providers in Norway to give care to women from other countries than Norway over the years that are included in the study, 1986-2005?

Discussion
The reasons for migration is not known in the material and it should be stressed as an limitation. thus, the authors discussion of differences in outcomes on country group level (Vietnamese, Pakistanis, Thai etc) could be better understood by the reader

it would be of interest to compare data on perinatal mortality in Norway when the BNP was on the "same level" as today Somalia/Afganistan. Is it possible to get any kind of historical data? thus the importance of social and economic factors is shown and not only discussion of accessibility to health care as the major explanation for differences.

table 2

title lack information of when and where the data come from

References
some references are only in local language—Title should be translated into English

I am not native speaker of English so no comments are given upon grammar and language etc.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests