Reviewer's report

Title: Trends in birth weight and the prevalence of low birth weight and small-for-gestational-age in Surinamese South Asian babies since 1974: cross-sectional study of three birth cohorts

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Discretionary revisions
1. The change in gestational age ascertainment (from LMP in the earlier years to LMP and ultrasound in more recent years) could have affected the temporal trends among the Surinamese infants. Thus women with uncertain or unknown dates in 1974 would not have had the benefit of ultrasound which was only introduced subsequently. A sentence in the limitations section about this potentially affecting the results may be advisable.

2. There are several minor typographical and other errors which the authors should rectify (e.g., use of the abbreviations LBW and SGA in the Abstract before the full forms are provided).

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

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

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.