Reviewer's report

Title: Does acute maternal stress in pregnancy affect infant health outcomes? Examination of a large cohort of infants born after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001

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Reviewer: Andreas Beyerlein

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All my comments have been addressed satisfactorily.

There is only a very minor point - I think the following would be better placed in the Methods section:

"Exposure was restricted to the first trimester in studying these outcomes because the early gestational weeks represent the period of greatest vulnerability to teratogens or fetal compromise resulting in pregnancy loss [30]." (p. 14)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.