Reviewer's report

**Title:** The independent effects of maternal obesity and gestational diabetes on the pregnancy outcomes

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**Reviewer:** Jeremy Oats

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The authors have satisfactorily addressed the previous points raised by the reviewers.

In the discussion there needs to be a clarification of the difference between the findings in the HAPO ancillary study and the authors’ findings. HAPO was an observational study and no women in the cohort received treatment for GDM. The HAPO report examined the relationship between increasing maternal glycaemia and increasing BMI and adverse outcomes. It was not reporting "GDM".

The relationships between maternal glycaemia and increasing maternal BMI were therefore independent of therapy unlike the situation in this study. This needs to be clarified and corrected. This is of course in keeping with the findings from the two RCTS – ACHOIS and USMFM studies – that treatment of mild GDM decreased macrosomia, caesarean delivery, pre-eclampsia etc.

**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