Reviewer's report

Title: Malnutrition in pregnancy after bariatric surgery: three clinical cases of fetal neural defects

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The authors have put together an important manuscript on poor fetal outcomes in pregnancies following bariatric surgery. While these types of adverse events from nutritional deficiencies are quite rare, they should be documented and available in the literature. Unfortunately, the manuscript currently suffers from poor grammar and awkward sentences. I found myself rereading sentences over again to try to understand the point.

1. The abstract's first two sentences are examples of typos and grammar problems. Anatomic changes are not "induced" by surgery. "outcomes of nutrients deficiencies" is not correct. These errors run throughout the entire manuscript. This makes the manuscript very difficult to read, as one is distracted by the mistakes. It likely is a English translation issue.

2. The results section is much too short. This section should make up the bulk of the content of the manuscript.

3. And the presentation of each case report would be better if each is discussed individually rather than alternating back and forth between them.

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests