Reviewer’s report

Title: Paternal obesity is associated with IGF2 hypomethylation in newborns: results from a Newborn Epigenetics Study (NEST) cohort.

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The authors have addressed the ethnicity issue but a statement still need to be made about the ethnic differences in obesity levels and mechanisms that cause this between different ethnic groups. As they state obesity is positively correlated with being a African American? This would be true for fathers too?

This will allow readers to make their own minds up about analysing racial groups together.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

None