Reviewer's report


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Minor essential Revisions

It would be worth showing the percentage change for CS and instrumental deliveries in the abstract results as well as the p value.

In the second sentence of the introduction the phrase "prevailing identical" could be changed to "the same".

In the methods between reference 8 and 9, change the full stop to a comma.

Discretionary revisions

If I understand correctly, your study shows that CS and instrumental rates are globally rising because of an increasing incidence of high BMI, but operative delivery rates for a given BMI have not changed. It took me a while to figure this out, so perhaps you could make this as a clear statement in your abstract and discussion. I think you should also comment that your figures do not tell us what is happening in higher BMI groups, specifically the morbidly obese. You should perhaps concede that your study cannot reveal these facts and that there maybe trends within the BMI > 25 group that are worthy of further study.

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.