Reviewer’s report

Title: Folic acid supplementation, dietary folate intake during pregnancy and risk for spontaneous preterm delivery: a prospective observational cohort study

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I appreciate the quality of your paper but I have three comments:
The Hungarian case control surveillance study showed the control mothers had a lower rate of preterm birth mainly after the use of folic acid after the third trimester, however this study was ended after the second trimester and it is not commented.
There is a prevalent rumor that folic acid can increase the birth weight, it would have been good if the authors logged birth weight also.
There is an error in page nineteen, authors are right that the Hungarian RCT did not find any effect of folic acid for birth outcomes, it is important to stress that this intervention trial supplied folic acid until the twelfth week of gestation and this time folic acid and multivitamins were used rarely. Also the erroneously state that 8000 mcg [6] of folic acid was used per day; this is not the case it was only 800 mcg. High doses were used in the previous study. [22]

Level of interest: An exceptional article

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