Reviewer's report

Title: Predictors of breastfeeding initiation in Hong Kong and Mainland China born mothers

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Major Compulsory Revisions - None.

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. The authors suggest/recommend antenatal support targeted at new mothers at risk of not initiating breastfeeding, however, it would be judicious to note that such support should be subject to an alongside robust evaluation to assess effectiveness to include cost-effectiveness.

2. The authors should reference the reporting guidance followed or STROBE (if none followed).

3. Check to see if there is a more contemporaneous global data on breastfeeding initiation - currently reference a report published in 2009 (ref #3). This reference is used to support the statement “Globally, there is an increasing trend of mothers initiating breastfeeding” (line 60). Suggest checking the accuracy of this.

4. All tables – it may just be the way the manuscript has been uploaded - each table continues over two pages, it is easier to read if all responses to a variable are together. For example in table 1 the variable of ‘pre-term birth’ has its heading on one page and then ‘no’/’yes’ on the following page. Revise to show all on one page.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.