Reviewer's report

Title: Use of cervicovaginal PAMG-1 protein as a predictor of delivery within seven days in pregnancies at risk of premature birth

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The study is not very innovative but has a good replicative value. The problem however is that it is not reported well and hence there is a doubt whether they have done the study methodically.

This is essentially reporting of a diagnostic test and such studies need to be reported by following the STARD 2015 guidelines.

There are issues such as sample size estimation which are not discussed. Also likelihood ratios are not estimated.

I would want the authors to resubmit using the format of STARD 2015.

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