Reviewer’s report

Title: Factors influencing timely initiation and completion of gestational diabetes mellitus screening and diagnosis - a qualitative study from Tamil Nadu, India.

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Reviewer: Jeremy Oats

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This paper is a salutary exploration of real world application of a screening regimen for maternal hyperglycaemia that has implications for screening programmes across many facets of medical practice especially for, but not necessarily restricted to, resource challenged jurisdictions.

The limitations of the study are well enunciated and although the numbers of women interviewed are relatively small it would seem unlikely that expanding the study would change the essential conclusions.

The complementary component of this study would be an in-depth analysis of the barriers faced by the health service providers.

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