Reviewer’s report

Title: "Hypothyroidism screening during first trimester in pregnancy"

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Reviewer: Maria Wolfs

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Regarding previous comments:

3. and 5. The recommendation to exclude TPOAB+ individuals from reference range assessment is not unique to the 2017 ATA Guidelines. The National Academy for Clinical Biochemistry (NACB) has consistently stated that: A "reference population" taken from the disease-free population composed of those who did not have detectable TgAb or TPOAb.

I would suggest removing the TPOAb+ women (n=11) from your analysis of TSH.

6. Age, height, weight are now in the results but do you have parity information and any relevant perinatal outcomes that would confirm that these were normal pregnancies with normal deliveries (as would be important for a reference population).

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