Reviewer’s report

Title: Maternal body mass index and risk of neonatal adverse outcomes in China: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Victoria Eley

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Thank you for the opportunity to look at the revised manuscript which is much improved.

I have listed some specific suggestions that need attention, mainly relating to clarity of expression and grammatical corrections.

Pg 3 Line 44: "Children undergo health examinations as newborns,…"

Pg 4 Line 59: capital letter for China

Pg 4 Line 59: the sentence starting 'We followed the standard…" does not make sense. Do you mean "We applied the three different standards…"

Pg 11 Line 16 typo here "obesity obese"

Pg 11 Line 22: this sentence needs to be rephrased: "The analysis results provide persuasive proof of the positive correlation between maternal overweight or obese and excessive fetal growth."

Pg 11 Line 25: "Mothers who are overweight or obesity" each time this phrase is used, it must be checked for the correct grammatical context.

Pg 11 Line 51: "Women who are overweight or obese"

Pg 12 Line 51: "In summary, being overweight or obesity obese was associated with an increased risk of macrosomia, LGA, PTB and neonatal asphyxia, while being underweight increased the risk of LBW and SGA." This sentence does not make sense. Please rephrase such that it is the maternal overweight/obesity that is associated with neonatal outcomes as listed.
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