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: Angela Vinturache

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Thank you for the revision of the manuscript. Whereas the content of your paper is adequate, there are some errors left in the manuscript that may need to be corrected before publication, as illustrated below.

The statement in the Abstract: "Management of weight during pregnancy might help reduce their adverse neonatal outcomes in future intervention studies or programmes" does not make sense. I believe the other way around might be better in capturing what the authors intended to say.

There are still sentences that are either not complete or sound awkward as statements. Here are several examples that could be improved:

"However, the funnel plot revealed some asymmetry suggesting the probability of publication bias, the Egger test (P = 0.003)."

"We assessed the outcomes assessing of the 39 studies included in our meta-analysis and present them in Table1".

"Five cohort studies were included for assessing the relationship between maternal BMI and fetal distress [22, 28, 31, 51, 54] and 1 128 fetal distress among 19 331 (range: 1 160-10 251) participants."

"Our results revealed that maternal BMI was not significantly associated with fetal distress, whether underweight or overweight/obese mothers".
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