Reviewer’s report

Title: Gestational age, mode of birth and breastmilk feeding all influence acute early childhood gastroenteritis: a record-linkage cohort study

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This is a very interesting, well designed and well written paper, which adds reliable “numbers” obtained from a large population, to the knowledge of the protective effects of breastfeeding on infant and childhood gastroenteritis.

Major Compulsory Revisions
- None.

Minor Essential Revisions
- None

- Discretionary Revisions
- None

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Quality of written English: Acceptable

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