Reviewer’s report

Title: Gastro-oesophageal reflux: A mixed methods study of infants admitted to hospital in the first 12 months following birth in NSW (2000-2011)

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Reviewer: Maria Gianni’

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The authors aimed to explore the maternal and infant characteristics, obstetric interventions, and reasons for clinical reporting of Gastro-oesophageal reflux and Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GOR/GORD)

The paper is of potential interest; however, in my opinion, the lack of a specific definition related to the diagnosis of GOR/GORD and of the associated diagnostic iter followed to make the diagnosis (it is just written that the condition was coded according to the International Classification of Diseases) largely limits the validity of the data reported (although on a very large sample size) and, hence, the conclusion drawn.

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