Reviewer's report

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Page 11, sensitivity and influence analyses: RR for 28+ weeks is 1.24 (1.00-1.26). RR is wrong I think, on page 13 it says RR=1.12.

Please add the summary RR for each subgroup to the additional table 1.

I think the authors could add the name of the first author to the forest plots before the geographic location and study year. It is common practice to use first authors as study labels, but I leave it up to the editors to give a final decision on this point.

Quality of written English:Acceptable

Statistical review:No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests