Reviewer’s report

Title: Management of pregnancy at and beyond 41 completed weeks of gestation in low-risk women: a secondary analysis of two WHO multi-country surveys on maternal and newborn health

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Major Revisions

Abstract

Background

None

Methods

- Address why macerated stillbirths were excluded - this is one group that is important to look at. If they present towards the end of the 41st week, the stillbirth could still have occurred after 41 weeks and 0 days

- Address how the EM cohort was selected if women were identified when they came for delivery

Results

- Present data with EGA information (median, 95% CI)

- Conduct subanalysis of women older than 35

- Conduct subanalysis of risk of stillbirth by week delivered and if possible to those in the database for week 40-41
Discussion

- Rearrange begin of discussion for logical flow of prevalence of post-date pregnancy, then outcomes. It currently goes back and forth
- Add references for which trials of post-date management have been done
- Address weakness of using studies that only look at women once they come to deliver--what about those that don't make it to the facility? Would those with stillbirth be less likely to reach the facilities you surveyed?

Conclusion
None

Minor Revisions
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None

Background
- Ensure CS is defined first before using acronym (line 114)

Methods
None

Results
- Fix parentheses in line 279

Discussion
None
Conclusion

None

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