Reviewer’s report

Title: The ability of late pregnancy maternal tests to predict adverse pregnancy outcomes associated with placental dysfunction (specifically fetal growth restriction and pre-eclampsia). A protocol for a systematic review and meta-analysis of prognostic accuracy studies.

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Reviewer: Tim Mathes

Reviewer's report:

This is an interesting and well written manuscript. I have only some minor suggestions.

- Please give a rational for including only nested case-control-studies and clarify what you mean with retrospective case-control-study.
- The planed QUADAS modification should be specified.
- The meta-analytic technique for pooling sensitivity and specificity should be elaborated. As I understand correctly, it is planed to calculate summary ROCs. If this is true, please provide some more detail on the statistical approach (e.g. hierarchical random effect SROC).
- It seems as you as you plan to include only studies that enable re-calculating a 2x2 table. Please clarify.

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