Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence and Determinants of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus in Africa Based on the Updated International Diagnostic Criteria: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Olivier Bruyère

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The objective of this meta-analysis was to assess the prevalence and determinants of GDM.

Major comments:

1. Some sections, like the abstract, are too long and the authors must fully follow the instruction to authors of the Journal.

2. In the background, there are too many references regarding the inconsistent findings noted among studies conducted in Africa.

3. The rational for having only published articles from 2013 to 2018 must be explained.

4. Sensitivity analyses must be performed according to the study design and the definition of GDM.

Minor comment:

5. Part of the manuscript is in bold without any rational.

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