

## PEER REVIEW HISTORY

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This paper was submitted to the Archives of Disease in Childhood but declined for publication following peer review. The authors addressed the reviewers' comments and submitted the revised paper to BMJ Open. The paper was subsequently accepted for publication at BMJ Open.

### ARTICLE DETAILS

<b>TITLE (PROVISIONAL)</b>	Birth outcomes for African and Caribbean babies in England and Wales: Retrospective analysis of routinely collected data
<b>AUTHORS</b>	Preeti Datta-Nemdharry, Nirupa Dattani and Alison Macfarlane

### VERSION 1 – REVIEW AT ARCHIVES OF DISEASE IN CHILDHOOD

<b>REVIEWER</b>	Grenville Fox, St Thomas' Hospital
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<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	This is a well written paper which adds information to a topic not previously studied using national data. It has value for all of us working in perinatal medicine and will lead to further study of issues raised by its findings which are likely to impact on our understanding of important contributors to perinatal mortality and morbidity.
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<b>REVIEWER</b>	Mahmood Alasmi, UT Southwestern University
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<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	Need a more detailed Methods and Results sections.
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The manuscript also received a third review at ADC, but the reviewer did not give permission for their comments to be published. The authors addressed this third set of comments before submitting to BMJ Open.

### VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE

The authors responded to the comments and submitted to BMJ Open.

### VERSION 2 – REVIEW

<b>REVIEWER</b>	Deborah Ridout Senior Research Fellow in Medical Statistics UCL Institute of Child Health UK  No competing interests
<b>REVIEW RETURNED</b>	01/04/2012

The reviewer completed the checklist but made no further comments.