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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript described the medical complications associated with surrogacy and the related costs at a single medical center and the economic impact of these pregnancies on the health care resource consumption within California. The issue and the results are interesting. 1. It is hard to interpret the data in Table 2 & 3. How do the hospital charges and ratio be measured? What are the hospital charges for a term infant? 2. Should the statistical analysis be used for the comparison between natural conception and surrogates? 3. The Tables should be re-formatted 4. The discussion section should be shortened.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting point report on gestational surrogacy. I have some points that should be addressed before considering this article for publication. 1. The discussion sections should be reduced to a maximum of 1,000 words (currently with 1,600 words) 2. The clearness of the manuscript would be improved by following the STROBE statement for reporting this study (<http://www.strobe-statement.org/index.php?id=available-checklists>); please use all the items from checklist as subtitles to structure the methods, results and discussion sections. Methods: Study design; Setting; Participants; Variables; Data sources/ measurement; Bias; Study size; Quantitative variables; Statistical methods. Results: Participants; Descriptive data; Outcome data; Main results; Other analyses. Discussion: Key results; Limitations; Interpretation; Generalisability 3. Authors missed the most important point: all the observed problems would be avoided by adopting the single embryo transfer policy. This should be discussed.



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Minor points: I will better add the costs of preconception in the surrogate pregnancies, and also the costs of PGD



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the manuscript titled "Outcomes of Surrogate Pregnancies in California and Hospital Economics of Surrogate Maternity and Newborn Care", Dr. Yona Nicolau et al investigated the hospital maternity and newborn complications and hospitalization charges of surrogate pregnancies and the economic impact of these pregnancies on the health care resource. They found an increasing in neonatal complications such as multiple births, NICU admission, and hospitalization time of surrogate pregnancies. As well, they found the hospital charges increased dramatically for surrogate pregnancies compare to naturally conceived. This is a very interesting topic. Not only because of many argument on moral hazard, but also because of few publications on this topic. It is definitely significant to analyze and conclude on the outcomes of surrogate pregnancies. Major concerns: * In the Methods, comparing groups should be clearly described. These include the cases number to comparing such as singletons from surrogates to singletons from natural, twins from surrogates to twins from natural, triplets from surrogates to triplets from natural. * In addition, since surrogates pregnancies are listed as high-risk pregnancy, its hospitalization charges must be comparing charges



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of other high-risk pregnancies. * Furthermore, maternal and neonatal charges for surrogate pregnancies were compared with natural conceptions. Surrogate pregnancies were between Jan/2012 to Dec/2013, but natural conceived pregnancies were from 2013. Though there is an adjustment for the 2012 charges since of the 9% increasing in hospital charges, reviewer still suggests use 2012-2013 for the natural conceptions without the adjustment of the surrogate pregnancy hospitalization charges. One year apart for hospitalization charges maybe not big differences, but actually many factors will influence these charges at different time. For example, economic situation, different staff, different caring equipment, etc. * The age, gravidity, and parity of the natural conception pregnancies should be included in table and compared with surrogate pregnancies. * In table 2, we only see the days and charges for surrogate pregnancies. Only the ratio was shown in the table. It is not clear for the meaning of the ratio. Reviewer suggests present the natural conceived pregnancies data as well in addition to the ration. Make sure singletons compare with singletons, twins compare with tweins, and triplets compare with triplets. Same as table 3. Minor suggestions: * Move units from the body of the table to the subtitle. * Table should be in a 3 line table with title on top and notes on bottom. * Standardize the references.