Reviewer's report

Title: Effects of epidural lidocaine analgesia on labor and delivery: a randomized, prospective, controlled trial

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached) None

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Page 6, 1st full paragraph, last sentence: change to "In the presence of fetal bradycardia, delivery was expedited when the leading point of the fetal skull was at +2 station."
2. Page 6, 2nd paragraph, first sentence: change to "In the epidural group, once cervical dilatation reached 4 cm, 500 ml of Ringer solution was administered intravenously, and the parturient was seated in the upright position for epidural placement."
3. Page 10, 2nd full paragraph, first sentence: delete comma after "prior to"
4. Page 12, middle of page: delete one comma before and after "harmless instrumentation".
5. Page 12, last paragraph: change capital letter of P in "Physician" to "physician".

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.