Reviewer's report

Title: Epidural analgesia and Cesarean delivery in multiple sclerosis: the italian cohort study

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Discretionary Revisions

This manuscript by Pasto, Amato and co-workers reports about a possible impact of epidural analgesia and caesarean delivery on the post-partum disease-activity in multiple sclerosis patients.

To this end, the authors analyzed in a prospective study the course of the disease during 349 pregnancies between 2002 and 2008.

I have very few minor comments on this excellent study

1. Abstract, Line 2: From my point of view the terms „female multiple sclerosis patients“ or „women with multiple sclerosis“ are preferable to the definition „multiple sclerosis women“, which the authors used.

2. Methods, Line 7: „The neurologist administered a semi structure interview...“.
   It might be worthwile to present an example of the interview-form.

3. Methods, Line 9: „....were cartegorized into vaginal, with or without assistance... Could you please specify what „with or without assistance“ means, since the average neurologist is perhaps not too familiar with these terms.

All in all it is a concise and well balanced manuscript.

The message is clear and exceptionl useful regarding the counseling of patients and gynecologists as well.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interests