Reviewer’s report

Title: Assisting informed decision making for labour analgesia: A randomised controlled trial of a decision aid for labour analgesia versus a pamphlet.

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Reviewer: Hilary Bekker

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The changes the authors made really help to clarify this work and illustrate what a complex applied area this is and what a comprehensive study they carried out. It makes for a much ‘easier’ read and helps the reader to understand the implications for decision aids in different settings much more clearly.

Two references need to be changed (see below). Reference 22 - the short form STAI is not by Spielberger but by Marteau and Bekker. Also, when the Cochrance review/ Annette O’Connor talk about the use of anxiety measures in decision aids they refer to a sub analysis of the review by Bekker et al. From this sub-analysis, it is clear that the anxiety scores of women in this sample are equivalent to a normal population score, not undergoing testing, which supports their observations about this decision context being unusual compared with other decision contexts.


Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have have no competing interests