Reviewer’s report

Title: A Randomised Controlled Trial Comparing Standard or Intensive Management of Reduced Fetal Movements after 36 Weeks Gestation - A Feasibility Study

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This paper describes the design and conduct of a feasibility study on the management of reduced fetal movements at term. It is a well-written report with a clearly defined research question. The methods are fully described and the discussion and conclusions are supported by the data. There is a lack of evidence on how to manage women presenting with reduced fetal movements in pregnancy and this study provides information on this topic; recognising it is a feasibility study, it remains most timely and welcome.

I have only 1 small minor revision that the authors should attend to as follows; 1. In the Background section there is reference to a cluster RCT (AFFIRM Study); can the authors provide a reference for this study as it appears to be missing from the reference list.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 have previously received funding from the School of Nursing & Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin, to conduct post-doctoral research on the topic of decreased fetal movements in pregnancy. Although the authors of this paper are unknown to me the subject area of this paper is of a special interest to me.