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Re: (Previous manuscript ID 1516169111268048. Further changes required by the Editorial office): “EXIT procedure in twin pregnancy: a series of three cases from a single center”.

Dear Editors,

Indications for the ex utero intrapartum therapy (EXIT) procedure have evolved and nowadays in addition to secure the airway, obtain vascular access, administer surfactant and other resuscitation medications, EXIT is used to resect cervical or thoracic masses, for extracorporeal membrane circulation (ECMO) cannulation, as well as to rescue maximum intra-thoracic space for ventilation of the remaining functional lung tissue. Resuscitation of the neonate may be compromised. EXIT procedure in twin pregnancy has been rarely reported and some doubts have been raised about its strategy and safety in such cases. In this paper we have reviewed and presented the medical records of 3 twin pregnancy cases where the EXIT procedure was performed in our center. Our results support that EXIT procedure, if properly planned, safely provides a good outcome for both the fetuses as well as the mother.

Please be assured that all authors are aware of and have approved the final manuscript and have taken due care to ensure the integrity of the contents. In
addition all authors declare no competing interest in the present study. We hope that our manuscript meets with the approval of the editors and reviewers of BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth.

Yours sincerely,
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