Reviewer's report

Title: Labour management and Obstetric outcomes among pregnant women admitted in latent phase compared to active phase of labour at Bugando Medical Centre in Tanzania

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Minor Essential Revisions

Abstract

Background:
• First sentence, word ‘fetus’ used twice
• Second sentence: instead of …how to deal with …change to …how to manage …
• Third sentence: Suggestion: In this study low risk pregnancy was defined as pregnancy without medical problems such as …

Methods:
• Second sentence to be taken to the results section, see below…

Results:
• Delete the first sentence, in its place insert the second sentence from the Methods section above

Main document:

Background:

Second paragraph; substitute ‘manage’ for ‘deal’

Discussion:
• Third paragraph, the word Swedish to be changed to Sweden
• Fourth paragraph: delete the word statistically. The sentence to read: Regarding mode of delivery, a study in Bangladesh found that normal vaginal delivery was significantly higher among women admitted in active phase than latent phase …
• Last statement on this paragraph: The idea presented is clear but the basis for the augment is not. Do you suggest that women admitted in active phase have fewer interventions just because the contact time with health care providers is reduced? And the second part of the statement doesn’t seem to have good sense because even those admitted in latent phase will eventually get to the active phase (at least majority of them). I would suggest the whole statement to be deleted.
• Last but one paragraph: Instead of Baghdad, to use Iraq for consistency
• Last paragraph last sentence: Suggestion to break it into two and to read as follows:

PPH in the active phase group in this study occurred largely among primiparous women in approximately 50% of cases; thus the difference in labour complication pattern from other studies could be attributed to human resource constraints. The midwife to patient ratio in labour ward at Bugando Medical Centre is insufficient to allow provision of the standard active management of third stage of labour to every woman who gives birth.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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