Reviewer’s report

Title: Anti-fibrinolytic agents in bleeding during pregnancy, delivery and puerperium: A systematic review

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Ferrer and colleagues reported a systematic review on the use of anti-fibrinolytic agents to treat bleeding during pregnancy, delivery and postpartum period. Only three randomised controlled trials were found including 461 patients treated for obstetric hemorrhage.

The manuscript is well written and the statistical approach adequate. However, as clearly stated by the authors, the poor quality of the currently available evidences limits the value of the conclusions of this systematic review. Thus, these preliminary findings need to be confirmed by further randomised trials.

I have only a minor comment: when the authors discuss (Introduction) the treatment of postpartum hemorrhage (PPH), they should briefly comment the increasing literature evidences on the positive effect of rFVIIa (Franchini et al. Semin Thromb Hemost 2008;34:104-12). They also could discuss (Discussion) the potential benefit and the harmful effects of the association rFVIIa - anti-fibrinolytic agents in the treatment of PPH.

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.

Sincerely,

Massimo Franchini, MD