Reviewer’s report

Title: Multidisciplinary Approach to Management of Maternal Asthma (MAMMA[copyright]): The PROTOCOL

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The study design of the study which is the randomised controlled trial design is the best design to test adequately the interventions to be assessed.

2. The manuscript needs some corrections to adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition. The following issues must be informed to accomplish with the CONSORT requirements:
   • There is no identification as randomised controlled trial in the title.
   • The objective of the study with the corresponding hypothesis should be clearly specified.
   • The type of randomised controlled trial design must be described in detail in the main protocol, including allocation ratio as it is described in the abstract.
   • The method used to generate the random allocation sequence and the person(s) who will generate the random allocation sequence, the person(s) who will enrol the participant and also the person(s) who will assign the participants to the interventions in comparison must be clearly detailed.
   • The method to blind the outcome assessors to the interventions in comparison must be described.
   • The flow chart of the study does not accomplish with the CONSORT requirements so it must be redrafted.
   • The sample size (n: 29 participants per group) is not sufficient to draw any conclusion or to generate new hypothesis with confidence in terms of maternal and perinatal secondary outcomes.
   • Dummy tables of Characteristics of participants at trial entry, Adherence to trial interventions and Trial primary and secondary outcomes by group must be included.

3. The writing is acceptable.

4. I recommend strongly to the authors that they must follow the CONSORT statement refer to reporting parallel group randomised trials to ameliorate the study protocol.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest
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.