Reviewer's report

Title: Disappointment and adherence among parents to newborns allocated to the control group: A qualitative study of a randomized clinical trial

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Reviewer: Helen Sammons

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Thank you for asking me to review this nice article. It focused on the views and feelings of parents when they are randomised to the control group.

I found it well written and clear. It focused on the parents recruited to the control group using a focus group and interview methodology with saturation of themes. A good description of the trial was given and the recruitment process. The results were clearly described and well discussed.

The paper contains important information as to how important it is to give good information and ongoing support to the control group for their engagement and continued follow up.

Minor essential revisions-

p18- it sound to threaten not threat.
The fissures do not follow in order in the text.
Figure 2 needs some further thoughts and discussion and how this might be used with parents and the outcomes of what a research team should do depending on the results.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

Nil