Reviewer’s report

Title: Compliance and mothers’ perception of withholding breastfeeding during rotavirus vaccination in North India: a randomized clinical trial

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Major revisions:

The authors should expand on the limitations area in the discussion - this study assesses compliance with a recommendation to withhold BF but does not assess what mothers think about the practice, why it is done and what their understanding of this practice is. This limits the generalisibility of the study. Most mothers would adhere because they are enrolled in a clinical trial and will do what a health care provider tells them to do.

This is a very simple study, reflected by the high adherence rates. Mothers need to be asked about the practice outside of a trial setting and in other settings, such as poorer and more rural settings.

The main aim of the study was to describe mothers perceptions but this is only crudely described in one Table.

More comments:

The paper is well written and describes the clinical trial clearly. However, the paper lacks generaslibity and depth due to the limited nature of the questions and the fact that all mothers were enrolled in a trial and would feel compelled to comply with study protocol.

This limits the usefulness of this data and is a major limitation.

The study should be conducted more widely, outside a trial, across different SES groups and in different settings to have more meaning and to allow policy makers to interpret feasibility and acceptability of this practice.

Minor revisions: none

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Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests