Reviewer’s report

Title: Fetal heart rate abnormalities during and after External Cephalic Version: which fetuses are at risk and how are they delivered?

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Reviewer: Andrew Kotaska

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The improvements to the paper are acceptable.

The large nature of the series and the description of the two cases of emergency C-section are helpful. Your description of your approach to fasting/hydration should be included in the paper both for its rationale and because it differs from many centers in North America, which advise overnight fasting because of the small risk of surgery. This results in unnecessary oligohydramnios, and, in my experience, a higher rate of abnormal FHR than 9%. Your series of almost 1000 women demonstrating safety will help counter this phenomenon.

Your ECV success rate is admirable. Although not directly relevant to your primary outcome, the reader will be interested in your ECV success rate by parity, EFWt, and Gestational age. These data would enhance the paper.

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