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Dear Dr Nabhan,

Thank you for your comments. Below are the responses.

1. Query: The labor ward protocol of active management of the first and second stages in both hospitals.

   There is much variability in these practices at the study hospitals. For induction/augmentation, at cervical dilation of 4-6 cm, amniotomy is performed and IV oxytocin drip (5 IU in 500 ml 5% dextrose solution) placed at 20-30 drops/minute and is increased/decreased according to uterine contractions and fetal monitoring. Please let me know if I have misunderstood the question or you would like more information.
2. Total number of vaginal deliveries in each hospital during the recruitment period. This number is now included in the Results of the manuscript (El Galaa=15,143, Shatby=8,353).

3. Total number of eligible women who could have been approached to participate. Due to the high volume of deliveries, information was not collected on women not recruited into the study, and we are not able to report the total number of all eligible vaginal deliveries that took place.

4. The proportion of eligible women who were approached and agreed. Same as Q3.