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Reviewer reports:

Amir Aviram (Reviewer 3): The aim of this study was to assess three routes of oxytocin administration (IM, IV bolus, and IV) with regards to PPH, using an open-label, randomized, 3-arm trial.

Introduction: Well-written, concise and to-the-point.

Methods: Well-written.

Results: Well-written.

Discussion: Well-written.
General comments:

This is a well conducted study. The research question is adequate, the methodology is sound and answers the research question, the results are described clearly and the discussion summarize the key points perfectly. I have only one minor comments - did the authors compare IV bolus to IV infusion as well? can be interesting to see the differences.

We did not compare IV bolus to IV infusion. The study was not designed and the sample size was not calculated with this comparison in mind. We were addressing the specific issue of IM administration compared to IV modalities with our research question.