Reviewer's report

Title: Influence of different preoperative fasting times on women and neonates in cesarean section: a retrospective analysis

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Has the author addressed your concerns sufficiently for you to now recommend the work as a technically sound contribution? No

Reviewer comments: The authors failed to clarify most of the points raised.

1) I understood this was not a randomized trial. I asked the authors to clarify what influenced patient allocation, as this might introduce bias in the results. Physician's instructions? Patient preference?

2) This reviewer knows what vomiting is. The authors should define how vomiting was defined in their study, and how this information was collected. Patient recall? Prospective or retrospective? Retrospective analysis of clinical notes? Prospective collection by healthcare providers? This is again a possible important source of bias.

3) Apgar score: in the internation literature, the 5' score is considered the best indicator of newborn adaptation. Please provide 5' scores.

4) Apgar score: it has a non-Gaussian distribution. No matter how large the sample size, the authors are just WRONG to provide mean +/- SD."
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No

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