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Title: Phenobarbital versus Morphine in the management of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, a randomized control trial

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Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a manuscript entitled "Phenobarbital versus Morphine in the management of neonatal abstinence syndrome, a randomized control trial", which I am submitting for exclusive consideration of publication as research article in name of journal.

This paper consists of a multi-centric, randomized, open-label, controlled trial that sheds light on a growing and challenging problem in neonatology that is the management of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS).

In the current paper we assessed the efficacy of Phenobarbital versus Morphine Sulfate, the two most commonly used drugs, in the management of NAS; we compared the duration of treatment required for the resolution of NAS, the duration of total hospital stay and the requirement for an adjunctive treatment in the two neonatal groups with NAS who were randomly assigned to receive either Phenobarbital or Morphine Sulfate.

In this paper in contrast to the existing studies, for the first time Phenobarbital was used with a loading and tapered dose and was compared to Oral solution of Morphine Sulfate. Further, we discuss the current literature on the management of NAS and also discuss the potential adverse events suggested for these treatments.
This paper could help in further understanding of NAS and its management, as it provides new themes for future research that could reveal more aspects of this complicated problem.

The current paper will be of interest to a broad readership specially those interested in obstetrics, perinatology and neonatology.

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Thank you for consideration of our work.

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