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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you most sincerely for your kind consideration of our paper entitled "Phenobarbital versus Morphine in the management of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, a randomized control trial" with the manuscript number of "MS: 9986270081386787".

Here I am submitting the changes made to the manuscript according to the precious comments of the reviewers and also the revised version of the paper. We hope they are to your satisfaction and that of the reviewers.

These changes were made to the manuscript as recommended:

1. In the first Paragraph of discussion in the lines 224 – 230 these sentences were added as recommended by the reviewer “Currently the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends treating opioid withdrawal with an opioid, while Phenobarbital is only used as the adjunctive treatment for opioid withdrawal in the United States. The results of this paper show that using loading with titration doses of Phenobarbital can be also a good and reasonable first line option especially for the neonates with NAS who were exposed to polysubstance in utero, however more studies with larger sample sizes are needed to confirm these results”

2. The wording of drug dependent mothers were removed from some sentences including lines 62 and 71.

3. Non-Opioid was added to the line 88.

4. Numbers were removed from the methods section.
5. The adjunctive treatments that were used in our study were added to the results section in the lines 214 and 215 as the following “In the Morphine Sulfate group Phenobarbital, and in the Phenobarbital group Morphine Sulfate were used as adjunctive treatments.”

6. The breastfed infants were excluded in our study because it could bias our results. This is already stated in several parts of the paper including the exclusion criteria in the methods section and some parts in the discussion.

7. The paper was fully Edited for language problems.

Thank you again for your great comments

Yours Faithfully

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