Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Scott Wexelblatt

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Major:
It is hard to go against a huge literature review and Cochrane review to suggest using pheobarb as a first line treatment for NAS in opioid exposed infants. Phenobarb is already suggested for non-opioid NAS.

Minor:
Still have crack instead of cocaine.
How was maternal drug use detected, urine toxicology, or report?
What adjuvant therapy did you use in the phenobarb group, as this is usually the adjuvant therapy described in the literature?
Table 1 and 2 are not necessary, as this is described in detail in the methods.
The first word in multiple sentences is not capitalized.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests' below. If your reply is yes to any, please give details below.