Reviewer’s report

Title: Transverse position. Using Rotation to aid Normal birth: OUTcomes following manual rotation (TURN-OUT): study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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Reviewer: Ben Willem Mol

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I thank the authors for their detailed response. Their answers make sense and add to a protocol that was already of good quality.

My only point remaining is that of the primary endpoint operative delivery:

That is, operative delivery for prolonged second stage of labour is considered after one hour of full dilatation for parous women without an epidural, two hours for parous women with an epidural or nulliparous women without an epidural, and three hours for nulliparous women with an epidural. Operative delivery is also performed for suspected fetal compromise manifested as a pathological cardiotocograph (especially prolonged decelerations, variability <5 for more than 90 minutes or baseline > 160 beats per minutes), fetal scalp lactate > 4.8 or pH < 7.20.

I would suggest to make prolonged stage of labour as defined above as the primary outcome, and not operative delivery. Also, please define your exact rule of suspected fetal compromise. Obviously, I am only an advising reviewer here. The final decision on that matter is with the trialists.

I recommend publication of the manuscript.

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Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests