Reviewer’s report

Title: The Influence of Ergonomic Breastfeeding Training on Some Health Parameters in Infants and Mothers: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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Thank you for this manuscript. Here are my comments:

Abstract

* It is difficult to understand when the mothers were included in the study. In addition the assessment times should be found in the methods section of the abstract.

Materials and Methods

* Once again, it is difficult to understand when the mothers were included in the study: is it just after birth? At the end of the maternity stay? At the end of the pregnancy?

* Figure 1: in the "allocation" section, "(n=52)" appears 2 times in the same case, it seems a little bit confused. It would be preferable to indicate it only one time.

* The ethics committee's reference of the study protocol should appear in the methods section.

* Is the VAS was evaluated at birth? Because the data does not appeared in Table 5.

* The data analysis should be more detailed: for example, the level of significance is not mentioned.

Results

* Overall, in all the tables, the results of the test (t, \( \chi^2 \), ..) and the degree of freedom are not necessary.

* Table 1: in the education section, what is the difference between "diploma" and "university"? It should be explained in the methods section. In addition, it is surprising to have
exactly the same number of babies boys and girls in the two groups and therefore to have a p-value of 1.00.

*  Page 12: Why is there a bibliographic reference after "(Table 2)"?

*  Table 3: the reviewer supposed that "1, 2, 3, 4" are the "actions levels of RULA". It should be mentioned more clearly.

*  Table 5: Why the authors did not give the VAS at birth?

Discussion

*  In the first section (Assessment of the impact of ergonomic breastfeeding training on infant growth), the authors just say that there is no effect but what does the scientific literature say?

*  Reference 38: when there is more than 3 authors, the references had to be cited by the first authors followed by "et al.".

*  In the limitations of the study, the authors mentioned possible confounders but they do not talk about a possible external intervention (professionals (midwives, pediatricians,...), peer-support group, …). This data does not seem to have been taken into account. Please also discuss about the strengths of the study.

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