

Reviewer's report

Title: Active management of the third stage of labour without controlled cord traction: a randomized non-inferiority controlled trial

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Major Compulsory Revisions

None

Minor Essential Revisions

1. The references need tidying up so as to conform to journal guidelines

Discretionary Revisions

None

This protocol has been developed by a very strong international team and has been widely circulated. It is a crucial study for the development of obstetric practice both locally and internationally and will provide long sought after answers. It will be widely quoted in future and the results are eagerly awaited. Given the amount of consultation already, it would be inappropriate to make any minor changes (even if I could find any!).

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'