

Review of: "Delayed vs Early Umbilical Cord Clamping in 100 Preterm Infants: an RCT from Bhavnagar, Gujarat"

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Delayed umbilical cord clamping (DCC) has been demonstrated numerous benefits to term neonates of uncomplicated pregnancies without significant adverse effects on both mom and baby. DCC within 90 to 120 seconds does not change cord blood gas parameters as well. This manuscript has addressed another important question on its utility for uncomplicated preterm babies. The data from this study has suggested that DCC is also beneficial to preterm babies whereas no significant adverse effects.

I would congratulate the authors for expanding the research in this area. This manuscript should be of interest of clinicians.

The major concern of this reviewer is the lack of description of their statistical analysis in the Method section. What kind of statistical analysis were conducted? By what software? And what was the acceptance criteria? Looks authors have used multiple statistical methods.

Their Table 1 and 2 are lack of clarity, i.e., how their data were expressed - by mean \pm SD or median \pm interquartile range? These need to be determined by the data distribution. Did authors conduct distribution (normality) check? The Apgar score data looks the total number of the groups rather than means or medians.

Nevertheless, I believe the conclusion remains the same and hope the DCC practice will be expanded to uncomplicated preterm deliveries.