

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Manuscript NO: 60464

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Academic degree: FRCA, MD

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for submitting your paper to the World Journal of Clinical Cases, it is certainly well-presented case series. I do have few questions, 1- Do you use this technique of injecting starch fluid in the epidural space routinely at your institution? 2- Do you use in non-obstetric cases too? If you have experience with non-obstetric cases, I think you should add them to your series.

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1. The manuscript deals with a planned intervention. Can the study type be clarified (prospective / retrospective)? 2. The other details - duration of study, inclusion / exclusion criteria, individual case follow up details are not included 3. What is the incidence of accidental dural puncture in the author's series? 4. When a planned intervention was undertaken, why was it not compared with a control group? 5. The first paragraph in discussion actually deals with the results and requires migration to the 'Results' section. 6. The group of 9 LSCS & 11 Vaginal delivery pts with different regimens of epidural infusion (dosage, duration) appears quite heterogenous to be grouped together 7. Is the conclusion justified in the absence of a control group? 8. Have the safety concerns of using HES adequately addressed? [Intensive Care Med. 2017 Oct;43(10):1526-1528. Is the literature inconclusive about the harm of HES? We are not sure]

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1) Introduction The aim of the study should be described. Lines 84-86 belong to the Patients and Methods section of the manuscript and should be removed. 2) Patients and Methods The authors state that Ethical approval was obtained for information retrieval from the medical records. The question is did they obtain relevant approval before applying this technique? (Epidural infusion of HES). Did these patients have a formal neurologic examination for detecting neurologic deficits? Did they employ a formal evaluation of pain and headache? For example a VAS evaluation? 3) Discussion The sentence "However, the prophylactic benefit ... in closing the dural defect" (Lines 176-179) is confusing and somewhere contradictory. The sentence "Since the case series ... studies of this nature"(Lines 202-203) needs also clarification. 4) Other points Please pay attention to: "We first reported" (Abstract and throughout the manuscript), epidural placement (line 94), this is still a lack of reliable evidence (line 155). CSEA (line 195) should be given in full. Overall, linguistic editing will improve the manuscript.

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The paper is good and well written

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I think you did good job in the new version of the paper, I do not have any negative thing to say about it.

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In the revised manuscript , the authors responded sufficiently to the comments raised by the reviewers and the manuscript has largely improved.