

Answering Reviewers

October 31, 2021

Dear editor,

Title: Anesthesia management for cesarean section in a pregnant woman with odontogenic infections

Name of Journal: World Journal of Clinical Cases

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

The first review's composition comment on the manuscript and my answer:

1. Few Grammatical errors mentioned in the edited document.

Answer: These errors have been corrected.

2. The dose of 0.5% Bupivacaine used in subarachnoid block needs to be justified.

Answer: As the patient could not lie on her left side due to the pain in her left cheek, so we performed combined spinal-epidural anesthesia (CSEA) on the right lateral decubitus at L2-3 with the needle-through-needle technique (A 25G pencil point spinal needle and a 16G epidural needle), after a failed puncture at L3-4. In order to ensure the effect of intraspinal anesthesia, 3ml of 0.5% bupivacaine was administered, and the anesthesia reached the level of T4.

3. Outcome of the fetus needs to be highlighted.

Answer: The fetus was removed routinely with Apgar scores of 10 at 1, 5 and 10 minutes.

The second review's composition comment on the manuscript and my answer:

Question: Dose of 3ml bupivacaine is very high for pregnant patient, please explain the rationale, especially if a CSE technique was used. Instead of lumbar epidural combined block, use the term 'combined spinal epidural block' which is a standard term. You have not mentioned the type of needles used for the block, whether a combined spinal epidural was used or separate spaces were used, mention the needle types, gauges and manufacturer.

Answer: As the patient could not lie on her left side due to the pain in her left cheek, so we performed combined spinal-epidural anesthesia (CSEA) on the right lateral decubitus at L2-3 with the needle-through-needle technique (A 25G pencil point spinal needle and a 16G epidural needle), after a failed puncture at L3-4. In order to ensure the effect of intraspinal anesthesia, 3ml of 0.5% bupivacaine was administered, and the anesthesia reached the level of T4.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

A few grammatical errors are still present, which may be corrected at the time of proof reading. The manuscript is interesting and concise.

Answer: A few grammatical errors have been checked and revised.