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Dear Director Wang:

Ref.: Manuscript No. 8565

Title: Prevention of Shoulder Dystocia Related Fetal Injuries: Myths and Facts.”

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Thank you for your communication of May 5, 2014. I appreciate the helpful recommendations of the Senior Reviewer. They have been implemented in the manner outlined below.

A) I shortened the article in the following manner:

- a. Conduction anesthesia and use of extraction instruments were each discussed twice in two different sections initially. Each of these subjects has been consolidated into one section.
- b. References not directly relevant to the subject were eliminated. This reduced the reference list from 130 to 105 items. In addition, I shortened the narratives in some places.
- c. Table V has been redesigned into a small and comprehensive tabulation of data.

B) Three or four redundant references to “two-step delivery” were rephrased.

C) The data selection has been briefly explained in the section dealing with methodology.

D) Reference was provided for the narrative dealing with fracture of the fetal skull.

E) Discussion concerning dangers of internal monitoring with scalp electrode has been removed.

F) Noting that detailed discussion of umbilical cord complications was not strictly relevant to shoulder dystocia, it has also been removed from the text.

G) Untoward effects of conduction anesthesia have been explained in some detail.

The implementation of the above summarized changes required removal of some old references and addition of new ones. This circumstance necessitated extensive revision of the reference list. The inserted new text and even some new words are indicated in the current version of the manuscript with heavy printing. Because the Reviewer recommended both deletions from and addition to the text, the overall length of the article has been shortened only moderately. However, I think it is still well within the space allowance that I received when I was first requested to contribute an article to your Journal.

Please, let me know if I can be of any help with the finalization of the article.

Best regards:

Leslie Iffy, M.D.

P.S.: Thank you for my ex-countrymen’s manuscript from Semmelweis University, Budapest as a sample to follow.

I was pleased to learn that they have contributed to one of your journals