

Table 2 Descriptions and standardisation of the co-interventions

Co-intervention	Intervention description	Standardisation
Analgesia	'Continuous epidural anaesthesia...was provided to all patients after they entered the active phase of labor...' ⁵³	'The types of analgesia...were performed at the choice of the operator. Women with epidural analgesia were given perineal ("top-up") dose...' ²⁶
	'All patients received left lateral perineal infiltration with 20mL 1% lidocaine.' ⁴¹	'Epidural anesthesia or pudendal block was available to all patients as needed.' ⁵⁴
	'The perineum was infiltrated with lignocaine 1%...' ⁴³	'After appropriate anesthesia either epidural, pudendal or local lidocaine infiltration...' ²⁷
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Maternal positio	'...placed in the dorsal lithotomy position with left lateral tilt.' ²⁶	No standardisation for maternal position detailed
	'The patient was put in the lithotomy position...' ⁴³	
	'...the bladder was catheterised.' ⁴³	
	'...the bladder was emptied before application of the cup.' ²⁷	
	'...bladder empty.' ³⁰	
Episiotomy	No intervention descriptions for episiotomy provided	'Episiotomy was performed at the discretion of the obstetrician.' ³³
		'Operators were instructed to perform episiotomies selectively, not electively.' ²⁶
		'Although not mandated by study criteria, midline episiotomies were chosen for all deliveries except for two patients in whom no episiotomy was performed.' ⁵⁵
		'Episiotomy was done when the perineum threatened to tear.' ⁴³
		'...it is our routine procedure to perform a liberal episiotomy. This was performed in 80% of the parturients...' ⁵⁶
		'Episiotomy was used selectively.' ⁴⁸
		'The use of an episiotomy was left to the discretion of the delivering physician.' ²⁴
		'Left-lateral episiotomy was performed in all cases before delivery of the fetal head.' ⁴¹
		'All patients underwent a mediolateral episiotomy.' ⁵³