

Editor's Comment:

I reviewed the original manuscript, the reviewers comments and the authors response to the reviewers. The manuscript has scientific merits. However, the authors are encouraged to address the comments below and resubmit a revised manuscript.

1. Informed consent and the ethical approval for the conduct of the study should be clearly stated in the Abstract and Methods and sections of the manuscript as per revised text.
2. The study showed that MgSO₄ had no clinical adverse effects on liver functions when given to pre-eclampsia patients during their second or third trimester of pregnancy (Table 3 and 4). However, the study was not designed to investigate a protective role of MgSO₄ on liver functions and therefore all statements related to this protection should only stay in the Discussion section and possibly toned down.
3. Was there any clinical evidence of MgSO₄ efficacy on seizure activity, if any, since the prophylaxis of seizures is its primary use? How many of the pre-eclampsia patients progressed to eclampsia, if any? The authors are encouraged to review their records with respect to seizure control.

I took the liberty to edit the text with respect to content, grammar and typographical errors. I am enclosing the edited text.

Authors' Feedback:

1. The informed consent and ethical approval statements are stated in the methods and appropriate sections in the manuscript.
2. We agree with your view on toning down the protective role of MgSO₄ in the study, since the study didn't primarily investigate this. So we will want to adopt the edited version of the manuscript you sent.
3. The primary role of MgSO₄ in the management of preeclampsia is to prevent its progression to eclampsia, which is known as occurrence of more severe seizures during pregnancy (see lines 20 to 22 of the manuscript). So our study was just concerned with the effect of MgSO₄ on the hepatic biomarkers even as it prevents progression of preeclampsia to eclampsia. Obviously none of our preeclamptic patients progressed to having seizures (eclampsia).

We gratefully accept your taking the liberty to edit the text. Thank you a great deal, for this will so much contribute to better the report for publication. Once again thank you so very much.