

Table II Risk of acidemia, evolution of FHR patterns to more serious and recommended action

	Risk of Acidemia	Risk of Evolution	Action
Green	0	Very low	None
Blue	0	Low	CT & begin preparation
Yellow	0	Moderate	CT & increased surveillance
Orange	Borderline/acceptably low	High	CT & prep for urgent delivery
Red	Unacceptably high	Not a consideration	Deliver

CT, Conservative techniques (see table 3)

Table IV Proposed management of the color coded categories

	Conservative Techniques	Operating Room (OR)	Obstetrician	Anesthetist	Newborn Resuscitator	Location of Patient
Green	No	-	-	-	-	-
Blue	Yes	Available	Informed	-	-	-
Yellow	Yes	Available	At bedside	Informed	Informed	-
Orange	Yes	Immediately available	At bedside	Present	Immediately available	OR
Red	Yes	open	At bedside	Present	Present	OR

Table V

Risk categories for fetal acidemia related to FHR variability, baseline rate and presence of recurrent decelerations.

MODERATE (NORMAL) VARIABILITY

	No	Early	Mild VD	Mod VD	Sev VD	Mild LD	Mod LD	Sev LD	Mild PD	Mod PD	Sev PD
Tachy	B	B	B	Y	O	Y	Y	O	Y	Y	O
Normal	G	G	G	B	Y	B	Y	Y	Y	Y	O
Mild Brd	Y	Y	Y	Y	O	Y	Y	O	Y	Y	O
Mod Brd	Y	Y			O		O	O			O
Sev Brd	O	O			O			O			O

MINIMAL VARIABILITY

	No	Early	Mild VD	Mod VD	Sev VD	Mild LD	Mod LD	Sev LD	Mild PD	Mod PD	Sev PD
Tachy	B	Y	Y	O	O	O	O	R	O	O	O
Normal	B	B	Y	O	O	O	O	R	O	O	R
Mild Brd	O	O	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Mod Brd	O	O			R		R	R			R
Sev Brd	R	R			R			R			R

ABSENT VARIABILITY

	No	Early	Mild VD	Mod VD	Sev VD	Mild LD	Mod LD	Sev LD	Mild PD	Mod PD	Sev PD
Tachy	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Normal	O	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Mild Brd	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Mod Brd	R	R			R		R	R			R
Sev Brd	R	R			R			R			R

Sinusoidal

R

Marked Variability

Y

VD, Variable decelerations; LD Late decelerations; PD, Prolonged decelerations; Brd, Bradycardia; Tachy, Tachycardia;

G, Green; B, Blue; Y, Yellow; O, Orange; R, Red