Excluded obstetric papers:

Reasons for exclusion:

1) **Less than 200 patients with an epidural included**:
   - Bader AM, Gilbertson L, 1992\(^1\)

2) **No denominator**:
   - Bonica JJ, 1995\(^3\)
   - Loo CC, Dahlgren G, et al, 2000\(^4\)

3) **No clear statements about serious side effects as neurological injury, epidural hematoma or infection**:
   - Norris MC, Grieo WM, et al, 1994\(^5\)
   - Fuller JG, McMorland GH, et al, 1990\(^6\)
   - Ezra Y, Wade C, et al, 2002\(^7\)
   - Stocks GM, Hallworth SP, et al, 2000\(^8\)
   - Crawford JS, Davies P, et al, 1986\(^9\)
   - Collis RE, Baxandall ML, 1994\(^10\)

4) **Studies with patients included in a later and bigger study**:
   - Crawford JS, 1972\(^11\)
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