

TABLE 2

ASSOCIATION BETWEEN PRESENCE AND SEVERITY OF PERINEAL TRAUMA AT THE FIRST DELIVERY AND SPONTANEOUS PERINEAL TEARS AT THE SECOND DELIVERY

Spontaneous Perineal Tears (Second-, Third-, or Fourth-Degree) at Second Delivery
Perineal Trauma at First Delivery No. with Tear/Total (%) RR (95% CI)

None or first-degree tear	62/462 (13.4)	1.00*
Trauma		
Second-degree spontaneous tear	109/302 (36.1)	2.7 (2.0 - 3.5)†
Episiotomy without extension	408/911 (44.8)	3.3 (2.6 - 4.3)†
Third- or fourth-degree tear without episiotomy		17/31 (54.8)
		4.1 (2.8 - 6.1)†
Third- or fourth-degree tear with episiotomy	103/189 (54.5)	4.1 (3.1 - 5.3)†
Total	637/1433 (44.5)	3.3 (2.6 - 4.2)†

*Reference category.

†Statistically significant.

RR denotes relative risk; CI, confidence interval.