Author's response to reviews

Title: Early Rehabilitation in Sepsis: A Prospective Randomised Controlled Trial investigating Functional and Physiological Outcomes The i-PERFORM Trial (Protocol Article)

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Dear Dr. Patel,

Please find attached the article “Early Rehabilitation in Sepsis: A Prospective Randomised Controlled Trial investigating Functional and Physiological Outcomes”. We wish to have this manuscript considered for publication in *BMC Anesthesiology*. Please note that this is an unsolicited protocol article.

Revision to this manuscript as suggested by Reviewer Lee Fleisher has been done.

1. **Inflammatory biomarkers:** Please provide more details of their pilot study [reference 26]

   1. More information on significant changes in inflammatory biomarkers in the treatment group has now been clearly stated.

2. **Hypotheses:** In the oxidative stress section, it would be useful to clearly state a hypothesis. It would also be useful to state a hypothesis instead of a secondary aim. The authors should consider some minor flow changes to outline the hypotheses and then the supporting evidence.

   2. The secondary hypotheses have now been clearly stated.

Geetha Kayambu updated and revised this manuscript, which was edited and approved by all authors. Thank you for considering our submission. We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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