Reviewer's report

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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The authors have described their study protocol for the their early rehabilitation in sepsis.

Minor essential revisions:
1. Inflammatory biomarkers: Please provide more details of their pilot study [reference 26]
2. Hypotheses: In the oxidate 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.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.