Reviewer’s report

Title: Elevated central venous pressure is associated with impairment of microcirculatory blood flow in sepsis: a hypothesis generating post hoc analysis

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Reviewer: Katia Donadello

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Dear Authors,

thank you for having submitted the revise version of your manuscript. You answered and modified the text according to my questions/requests.

It is pitiful that some data could not be obtained, this could have eriche the content of your work substantially.

I might still make you some general remarks, mainly on the presentation.

The formulation of the last sentence of the abstract is not correct, at least for the use of commas; for “finding” I would put an “s” at the end.

Introduction: the sentence “attempts to improve” is too heavy with the double negative form.

Results: after “statistic measurement” i would put either “:” or “,” or get to the following line; the same for the “dynamic “part

Discussion: i personally would omit the sentence “we, however encourage the reader…..”

Key messages: I think that no guideline suggest to resuscitate to levels of CVP higher than 12, thus i might change the last message.

Thank you, best regards.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

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