Reviewer's report

Title: Citrate prevents heparin induced complement activation and neutrophil degranulation, when used for anticoagulation during continuous venovenous haemofiltration in critically ill patients.

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Dear The Editor in Chief

Although the authors have responded nearly all the questions, they still did not adequately reply regarding the design of the study. In my view, to combine different studies which were conducted in different situations would result in less reliable conclusion. Furthermore, the second reviewer of this manuscript also seems to be the PI of one study the authors utilize in their study.

Taken together, to keep the standard of the journal I have to reject this manuscript. However, the final decision depends on the Editor justice.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

No to all of the above