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Re:Re-submission of the manuscript: “High Dose Erythropoietin Increases Brain Tissue Oxygen Tension in Severe Vasospasm after Subarachnoid Hemorrhage“

by Dr. Helbok et al. as “Research Article”

Sir,

please find enclosed the revised manuscript “High Dose Erythropoietin Increases Brain Tissue Oxygen Tension in Severe Vasospasm after Subarachnoid Hemorrhage.“

The following changes have now been performed according to your request:

1. **Requesting ethics statement:** Neuromonitoring is established in our Neurointensive Care Unit in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration and has been approved by the locals ethics committee. This information is now given in the Methods section including the reference number.
2. **Requesting consent statement:** Consent was obtained according to federal regulations. This information is also specified in the Methods section.

3. **Clarifying decision on EPO treatment:** The decision to start EPO was made by one of the neurointensivist in charge: ES, BP, RB, RH, which is now specified in the Methods section.

All persons who have made substantial contributions to the work reported in this manuscript (eg, data collection, writing or editing assistance) fulfill the authorship/coauthorship criteria and are named in the manuscript. No other persons have made substantial contributions to this manuscript. All authors have read and approved submission of the manuscript.

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We would like to thank you for reading and judging this manuscript.

With many thanks and best regards

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