Author's response to reviews

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Dear Mr Sands,

Hereby I send you the revised manuscript ‘Long-term outcome in relationship to neonatal transfusion volume in extremely premature infants: a comparative cohort study’. In regard to the reviewers remarks we extended the background to better clarify the reason for our study. We do think it is a relevant study to publish as very few follow-up articles have been published so far (only 3!), and all information on the long-term effects of red blood cell transfusions in this vulnerable group of patients is important. In the discussion we changed the order of some of our text to emphasize our outcome better and added a recent publication on long-term follow-up of a study on two different transfusion guidelines. The changes in the manuscript are highlighted in blue.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards,

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