Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Enzo Grossi

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The authors seem to have satisfied the requests received from the reviewer. Now the article is acceptable.

There are however two minor inconsistencies which need correction:

pag 12 line 7: the values of LDH have to be interchanged in this way: 185.87 U/L to 158.15 U/L frome pre-sailing to post sailing

pag 12 line 14: the fructosamine value after sailing( 191.41) doesn't match with the corresponign one in table 5 (181.41) so one of them is uncorrect.

I leave to the editor to check the occurred correction of these inconsistencies

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'