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To the editors, the independent editorial production team and the reviewer,

Dear Sir,

We thank the the independent editorial production team for the useful remarks on our manuscript “A randomized controlled trial on the impact of early parenteral nutrition completing enteral nutrition - EPaNIC trial - in adult critically ill patients Protocol version EPaNIC 2007 1-2-2. Study protocol and statistical analysis plan”. We addressed all comments and adapted the manuscript accordingly.

1. Title: Please change the title for your manuscript to: "Impact of early parenteral nutrition completing enteral nutrition in adult critically ill patients (EPaNIC trial): a study protocol and statistical analysis plan for a randomized controlled trial".

We accepted this rewording in our mail on 16-12-2010, the manuscript has been changed accordingly on the title page.

2. Authors' contributions: Please use the following format as an example and please state each author's contribution to the study and the manuscript. Please use initials to refer to each author's contribution: AB carried out the molecular genetic studies, participated in the sequence alignment and drafted the manuscript. JY carried out the immunoassays. MT participated in the sequence alignment. ES participated in the design of the study and performed the statistical analysis. FG conceived of the study, and participated in its design and coordination. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

We added the authors’ contributions to the manuscript being submitted followed by the publication policy for the future clinical report (page 27): “MPC, GH, AW and GVdB all contributed to the design of the EPaNIC study protocol. MPC and GVdB developed the statistical plan, which was approved by all the authors, and drafted the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript. For the primary report of the clinical results, the authorship will be determined by intellectual and operational contribution (including the number of patients enrolled in each subunit) concordant the Vancouver declaration.”

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