Author's response to reviews

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Concerning the Manuscript “Paracetamol serum concentrations in preterm infants treated with paracetamol intravenously: a case series of nine”.  

Dear editor,  

We would be grateful if you would consider our revised manuscript for publication. In this letter you will find a point-by-point response to the comments made by the reviewers.  

1. The authors should further stress that the doses administered were 'original', off label and also 'off-practice', and likely due to a miscalculation (no conversion from propacetamol to paracetamol)  

Response: our doses were not due to miscalculation. We formulated this in the discussion section: ‘We accidentally administered i.v. paracetamol in a dose not supported by literature. The dose we used in preterm infants of less than 32 weeks gestation is being used in term infants, and is not a result of miscalculation due to the differences in formulations of propacetamol and paracetamol”.  

2. Please also check the 'loading' dose and maintenance doses, since is strongly depends on the compound used. In its current form, the 3rd line of the discussion is not in line with what we have described and administered.  

Response: we checked and adjusted the doses according to the referred article.  

3. The authors should also integrate the reported problems with inadvertent dose administration of iv paracetamol (as communicated by the manufacturer)."  

Response: we contacted the manufacturer and incorporated their response in our discussion section  

All changes are highlighted in the main manuscript.  

Concerning the remark by one of the reviewers that our English was not suitable for publication we invited a native speaker to revise the manuscript. The only remark the native speaker had concerned omitting the word “at” from the last sentence.  

We are looking forward to read your comment or decision on our manuscript.  

Yours sincerely,  

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