Reviewer’s report

Title: Transfusion triggers (threshold) within early goal directed therapy protocols

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Major compulsory revisions
The conclusion statement requires some revisions.
It is true that the role of RBC transfusion to maintain hematocrit ~30% in EGDT has not been extensively evaluated, but this does not lead to a conclusion that a PBM needs to be in place. There needs to be more evidence to support the use of PBM in critically ill patients. The authors can suggest that a PBM could be adopted in EGDT, but the threshold may need to be more individualized.

Minor Essential Revisions
Were all references in Table 1 included in the reference list?

Discretionary revisions
The title may be changed to something like "Should we restrict erythrocyte transfusion in early goal directed protocols?"

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
None