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Title: Establishment and utility assessment of the Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome early warning score (PEWS) scale

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Dear Editor DR. Naoum P Issa:

Thank you for concerning our manuscript entitled “Establishment and utility assessment of Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome early warning scoring (PEWS) scale” (manuscript number: NURL-D-18-00117R3). Your comments are very helpful to the revision and improvement of our paper, especially in our English language. Below are the main revisions we implemented and our responses to the editors’ comments.
Editor Comments:

Q1: No data was shown that suggests prophylactic intervention improves outcomes.
Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have deleted this sentence in page 5.

Q2: Higher mortality that what? That without PRES or than in PRES in patients without malignancy?
Response: Thank you for your suggestion. What we want to express is that PRES in patients with haematological malignancies, especially those after haematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT), have higher mortality and poorer outcomes than patients without haematological malignancies. We have changed this sentence in page 7-8.

Q3: If this portion was retrospective, what consent was provided?
Response: Thank you for your suggestion. The consent here refers to the informed consent of these patients when they were initially admitted to hospital. All patients enrolled in the study are those who had consented to use their clinical data for scientific research at the time of admission.

Q4: Is this a search by hand or through a computer database? Was this done in a prospective way or retrospective? When was consent provided?
Response: Thank you for your suggestion. This was a study by hand. The first part of this study is a retrospective one. Nevertheless, all patients enrolled in the study are those who had consented to use their clinical data for scientific research at the time of admission.

Q5: What are the objects?
Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We are so sorry for our unclear expression. Here “objects” should be changed to “subjects.”