Author’s response to reviews

Title: Enteral vitamin A for reducing severity of bronchopulmonary dysplasia in extremely preterm infants: a randomised controlled trial

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Dear Editor

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Re: BPED-D-16-00500R1

Oral (enteral) vitamin A for prevention of bronchopulmonary dysplasia in extremely preterm infants: a randomised controlled trial

Dear Editor

Please find below our response to the issues raised:

Issue 1. The name of the Ethics committee on the supplied documentation is listed as Women & Newborn health Service Human Research Ethics Committee which appears to be part of the Government of Western Australia. However, on the manuscript you state that ethics approval was obtained from the King Edward Memorial Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee. Please clarify this and provide an updated document and/or manuscript if necessary.
Our response: Thanks for pointing out the error. We have amended the ethics committee’s name as “Women and Newborn Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee”.

Issue 2. Within the funding documentation, it is stated that funding was only allocated up until the 31st of December 2013. Please clarify if the funding was extended to cover the study period or if further funding was obtained from elsewhere?

Our response: Funding period has been extended to cover the entire study period.

Issue 3. Please note that the Ethics and Consent to Participate sections should be combined into one section with the heading Ethics and Consent to Participate. Please note that a statement regarding participant consent should be added to this section and the current statement removed.

Our response: Appropriate changes have been made in the manuscript (indicated by red font).

Issue 4. Please remove the 'sponsor of the study' section from the Declarations.

Our response: Appropriate changes have been made in the manuscript.

Issue 5. Please also add a section “Supplementary files” where you list the following information about your supplementary material: - File name - Title of data - Description of data

Please ensure that all additional files are explicitly referred to in the main text.

Our response: Appropriate changes have been made in the manuscript.

We look forward to hearing from you.