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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Reviewer reports:

Namasivayam Ambalavanan (Reviewer 2): The revised manuscript has satisfactorily addressed my previous comments and suggestions.

Our response: Thank you.

Roberta L. Keller (Reviewer 3): Major Compulsory Revisions:

The authors have responded to most of the previously-identified issues.

Minor Essential Revisions:

Abstract conclusion (last sentence of Discussion section) should be consistent with last sentence of manuscript, which states, "If our study shows that enteral supplementation of water-soluble vitamin A is safe, reduces ventilation-perfusion mismatch, and hence severity of BPD as assessed using SpO2-PiO2 curve, it will pave the way to a multicentre RCT with presence and severity of BPD as a primary outcome." For instance, the Abstract conclusion could be modified
to state, "If our study shows that enteral supplementation of water-soluble vitamin A is safe and effective for decreasing the severity of BPD, it will provide…" the opportunity to further evaluate "…a simple, globally acceptable preventive therapy for BPD."

Our response: As per suggestion of the reviewer, we have changed the sentence in the abstract (Page 4, line 27) as follows:

“If our study shows that enteral supplementation of water-soluble vitamin A is safe and effective for decreasing the severity of BPD, it will provide the opportunity to further evaluate a simple, globally acceptable preventive therapy for BPD.”

Minor issues not for publication:

Page 25, line 41: I cannot find citation number 22 in Pubmed nor the journal website. Please clarify the source of this reference.

Our response: The source of the reference is Embase via Ovid. Following is the description of the reference in Embase:

Predictors of right shift and ventilation/perfusion in very preterm infants.

Svedenkrans J., Wood A.J.T., Pillow J.J.


[Conference Abstract]

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Blackwell Publishing
Our response: The reference can be retrieved from the journal website: Archives of Disease in Childhood Nov 2008, 93 (Suppl 2) pw100. It was presented in Poster Walk session during the second congress of the European Academy of Paediatrics, 2008.

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