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Thank you again to the authors for a well written manuscript. Thank you for adjusting the title.

This reviewer believes the manuscript is now publishable with the following changes and clarifications:

Background

1. The authors have partially addressed the previous comment regarding the lack of scientific links between the current study and the introduction. Please add either: 1) an acknowledgement of the lack of evidence for the persistence of the hypermetabolic state in paediatric patients more than one year post-burn; or 2) new references, such as those in the response to review, to support the current statements.

Methods

2. Much improved, thank you.

Results

3. Line 207 (and 209) - replace "PA decreased WITH" with 'by'

Discussion

4. Line 240 - please add 'preliminary' or 'pilot' study to reflect the title.
5. Line 247 - the caveat of small sample size should be added to the statements of no relationships please, to remind the reader.

Conclusion

6. Thank you for adjusting.

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