

Review of: "Fluids, Vasopressors and Inotropes to Restore Heart-Vessels Coupling in Sepsis: Treatment Options and Perspectives"

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Minor Revisions

- 1. The manuscript should be revised by a native English speaker.
- 2. I would suggest a more formal register (there are some colloquial expressions).
- 3. Check for typos.
- 4. I advise consistency: for example, choose to use the acronym ED or ER, and before using them for the first time, please spell them out.

Major Revisions

- 1. Some paragraphs need references, for example:
 - 1. Promising results obtained in experimental conditions were never replicated in human beings.
 - 2. Vasopressin and its analogues are considered second-line vasopressors, as recent evidence suggests no benefit with their early administration. In the presence of refractory hypotension, NE can be increased up to doses ≥1 µg/kg/min, but the current suggestion is to combine NE with other vasopressors such as vasopressin, with the intent of achieving the MAP target without using very high dosages of NE.
 - 3. A recent subgroup analysis of a big-data, real-world study showed that, compared to dobutamine, milrinone did not decrease in-hospital mortality, but it increased the use of renal replacement therapy and the hospital length of stay.
- 2. What do you mean by "intensity of NE"?
- 3. I advise avoiding mixing topics in the paragraphs. For example, in the paragraph "the role of vasopressin," you write about NE, and in the paragraph "The use of inotropes: the role of medications independent of the adrenergic system," you write about dobutamine.
- 4. I would explain in detail the effects of different septic sources on fluid management with references; in the manuscript, it is only touched upon.

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