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Dear reviewer,

Thank you for your review and proposed solutions to amend the article.

1/ I agree with you to consider that the title could be misinterpreted and has to be changed to limit the scope of the study. The aim of the study is clearly not to evaluate the influence of the pre-hospital resuscitation, which remains a divergence between Anglo-saxons and French about pre-hospital care (scoop-and-run vs stay-and-play). The influence on patient's outcome has already been evaluated with large cohort studies. The new title is focus on the pre hospital triage and the study hypothesis has been added at the end of the introduction.

2/ I also totally agree with you that including the criterion "PH resuscitation" in the triage scheme is rather repetition. But this triage scheme as been validated and is used routinely in France. This study was intended to evaluate if the "PH resuscitation" criterion increases the positive predictive value (PPV) of Vittel criteria. The study hypothesis was that the PPV is not increased, considering that all of the PH resuscitation maneuvers would presumably be based on vital sign criteria, which would then already be factored into the triage assessment.

The results suggest that the criterion "PH resuscitation" does not increase the performance of the Vittel criteria and is a clear advocacy for dropping this criterion.

3/ Language: a native English speaker has reevaluated all the manuscript

I hope that these changes are sufficient to meet your recommendations.

Very respectfully

Dr E. HORNEZ

Response to the Reviewer 02459226

Dear reviewer,

Thank you for your review and proposed solutions to amend the article.

Introduction

The study hypothesis has been added at the end

Methods

The study location has been blinded

The IRB approval has been added

The significance level has been added

Results

All the spelling error have been corrected and abbreviations detailed

Discussion

The aims of the study, the hypothesis and major finding have been clearly noticed at the beginning of the chapter

The limitations have been completed

Language: a native English speaker (US) has reevaluated all the manuscript

I hope that these changes are sufficient to meet your recommendations.

Very respectfully

Dr E. HORNEZ