

Response to reviewers

We thank the reviewers for their positive comments on our manuscript (No. 55648). Please see our responses to the comments below.

Reviewer #1

This is a well-written relevant study. Although the information is limited given the lack of trials regarding zinc I believe this is a useful article for the field as it contains good background information.

I have some minor comments: In table 1 below the primary outcome I would suggest that you add another line with the actual results, meaning did HE improved? Survival? etc. This will help with the description of the table.

Response

An additional line has been added to table 1 as recommended.

There are no figure legends, therefore I suggest to add them with a small explanation of what we see in the figures.

Response

Figure legends have been included as recommended.