

To the editor

We are appreciative for the helpful comments of the reviewer which have been addressed as follows:

Methodological suggestions:

A. Add a Table, constructed in the same way as Table 1, with the relevant biochemical values.

- a. We added table no 2 to point out the pertinent labs in the 2 groups. We have inserted a statement in results paragraph for that.
- b. Previously labeled Table no 2 is now table no 3. We have added a sentence at the beginning of paragraph 3 in results to highlight that.

B. Explain whether "complications" (Table 2) address issues at presentation with DKA or during its treatment. In the second case, explain "severe acidosis".

- a. We amended Table 3 to reflect that the complications listed in table 3 occurred during hospital and not on admission
- b. Definition for "severe acidosis" was added in the legend of the table.

Minor suggestions

A. Add a sentence in the third paragraph of the Results stating that Table 2 shows outcomes

- a. Added a statement in the beginning of third paragraph pointing to Table 3 for outcomes data.

B. I found no listing of reference 3 in the text

- a. Reference 3 label was added in the discussion.

The manuscript is strengthened by the edits based on the reviewer comments. Thank you.

Regards

