

Response Letter

Dear editor,

We are grateful to the reviewers for reviewing the manuscript and providing us encouraging comments. We have reviewed the comments and suggestions made by the reviewers and our responses to each of the comments are mentioned below.

Response to reviewer 1:

Reviewer's comment: The background should highlight a link between diabetic kidney disease and RAGE.

Author's response: We really appreciate the reviewer's suggestion. However, we believe a discussion on RAGE and diabetic kidney disease would not be relevant to the manuscript as our publication focusses on DKA in ICU patients.

Reviewer's comment: The manuscript could benefit from a deeper discussion on these risk factors and strategies for DKA.

Author's response: In the 3rd paragraph of the manuscript, we have comprehensively discussed various risk factors associated with ICU admissions in DKA patients and have also mentioned some of the factors already known in literature.

Response to reviewer 2:

Reviewer's comment: The only point I have to note is that an adult person is stated with an age of 14 years. That looks, in a view of a Europe person which I am, very unusual because in Europe an adult person is a person with 18 years or older. I would recommend to do the statistical analysis also with a group of an age of 18 years or older within your sample. That would be an appropriate way to show the results in the European world.

Author's response: Thank you for your valuable suggestion and comments. We understand that in the European countries, adult population is considered 18 years and above. However, in all the institutions of our country, patients above 14 years of age are managed under adult health care service and hence this is the inclusion criteria for our study. A separate analysis of patients aged 18 and above will change the whole study which will not be feasible.

Should there be any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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