

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Very amusing and well written work. In the perspective of the most complete work, authors should dedicate time and spaces to describe the synergic properties of the three elements, more in detail; extend the role of thiamine , in the shadow of very recent work (Osiezagha K, Ali S, Freeman C, et al. Thiamine deficiency and delirium. Innov Clin Neurosci. 2013;10(4):26–32. ; Moretti R, Peinkhofer C. Int J Mol Sci. 2019 Nov; 20(22): 5797; Moretti et al. 2017, Current Drug Abuse Reviews Continued as Current Drug Research Reviews Volume 10 , Issue 1 , 2017 DOI : 10.2174/1874473711666180402142012) and devote more attention to the synergic property of the HAT combination.

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This editorial focuses on a promising strategy for the management of sepsis through the combination of ascorbic acid, hydrocortisone and thiamine. It reports a pure speculation and a point of view of authors. Moreover argue the conclusion that may derive from randomised controlled trial. In my modest point of view, it is little bit risky reach such conclusion. I suggest to soften the language used to avoid bias of interpretations and misunderstanding as well as criticizimes.

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I would like to mention the following comments: 1- First and second sentence need reference. 2- Type of diabetes is not known. 3- For drugs, FDA (USA) and EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa) will decide, not jury of a court. 4- The reference(s) of table 1 is missing. 5- Vitamin C and thiamine have less (or no) side-effects; however, hydrocortisone has different potential side-effects. How would be the related ethical issue? 6- Is there any evidence of potential antagonist effect of combination or all are synergist effect? Good Luck

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