

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13087-review).

Title: Designing Drug Regimens for Special ICU Populations

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Modifications to the manuscript have been made based on the comments of the reviewers.

1. The format including references has been updated.
2. The responses to the reviewers' comments are as follows:

Reviewed by 02520738

1) I think that peculiar populations are the migrants and different races persons. Although not considered in the general definitions, they can differently answer to drugs. Please consider and discuss such a condition even according literature [see for example: Modesti PA et al. Cardiovascular health in migrants: current status and issues for prevention. A collaborative multidisciplinary task force report. *J Cardiovasc Med (Hagerstown)*. 2014 Sep;15(9):683-92]. 2) The author should indicate how many studies he considered for the final analysis, the amount of researched deleted from the analysis. 3) A flow chart of the review should be provided. 4) A table gathering the main results and characteristics of the studies considered should be provided.

As discussed in the introduction to the paper, the term “special populations” is used differently by various governmental and non-governmental groups. While we agree that migrants and persons of different races may also have important drug issues, the focus of this paper was special populations of *critically ill patients* that have drug regimen and dosing challenges. The information with respect to the study analysis has been added as requested. Since the article is already quite long, we added the requested information in one additional table with a small amount of additional text, rather than as a figure and a table.

Reviewed by 02446566

A brief explanation of log P may help readers that are unfamiliar to this term.

This explanation has been added to the table as requested.

Reviewed by 01213174

The contents of Table 1 would be more easily understandable with figure.

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Thank you again for publishing my manuscript in the *World Journal of Critical Care Medicine*.

Sincerely yours,

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