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Re: SHOCK-D-17-00132

Title: The Predictive Ability of Dysfunctional High Density Lipoprotein for Adverse Outcomes in
Emergency Department Patients with Sepsis or Septic Shock

Dear Dr. Chaudry,

Reviewer 1 is correct that a formal power analysis and power calculation was not performed because the sample size was determined by the number of available patients. Additionally, this was a pilot data as mentioned in the manuscript. In general, for pilot studies, formal power calculations are not performed. Furthermore, a post-hoc power analysis is only generally completed to evaluate if the power was not sufficient to achieve significance. In this case, given statistically significant results, there would be no need for a power calculation.

Sincerely,



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