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Dear editor,

Thank you very much for your advice on my manuscript entitled "**Platelet indices in neonatal sepsis: a review**". I also thank the reviewers for the constructive comments and suggestions. Accordingly, I have revised the manuscript. All amendments are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript. In addition, point-by-point responses to the comments are listed below this letter.

I hope that the revision is acceptable for the publication in your journal.

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Ramesh Bhat Y

I thank the editor and reviewers for their constructive suggestions.

Reviewer 1

1. It is a good revision. It should be emphasized that MPV, PDW, PCT are not only altered in sepsis but also in other pathological conditions, and because of that they cannot be used as diagnostic criteria, because they lack of sufficient sensitivity and specificity. Some discussion about the alteration of platelet indices in other pathological conditions in the newborn will help to clarify the relevance of platelet indices in the appraisal of neonatal infections.

Response: Thanks for encouraging words. I agree with your suggestions. Under limitations section, these issues are discussed.

2. Additionally, some references about the relationship between the anticoagulant used and the distortion of the platelet values should be provided

Response: Some references about the relationship between the anticoagulant used and the distortion of the platelet values are provided as you suggested.

Reviewer 2

I think other rarely studied parameters, mean platelet component (MPC), mean platelet mass (MPM), platelet component distribution width (PCDW), platelet large cell ratio (P-LCR) and immature platelet fraction (IPF) should be defined in neonatal sepsis

Response: An attempt has been made to provide some information on MPC, MPM, PCDW, P-LCR and IPF.

Editorial comments

1. When you send back, please provide the format of doc, not the format of PDF

Response: I now sent the doc file

2. Please revise the paper. For writing requirement see the file named "Format of Minireviews"

Response: I looked into the recommended files and revised the manuscript accordingly.