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Dear Grant Review Committee,

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RE: The FISSH Trial

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On behalf of the Canadian Critical Care Society, I am pleased to write this letter of support for the project, entitled "FISSH: Fluids in Septic Shock: A Randomized Controlled Trial". We believe the FISSH Trial is important to all Canadian ICU practitioners and patients as it addresses the fundamental question of whether low chloride fluid may be beneficial compared with high chloride fluid when administered to critically ill patients with septic shock.

Although the standard of care regarding fluid use in this population varies, recent evidence has raised concern regarding the potential harm of administering high chloride intravenous fluids. The results of the FISSH trial will provide important answers to these clinically relevant questions. Dr. Bram Rochweg has demonstrated extraordinary leadership with this project. He designed and carried out the FISSH pilot study which successfully met all predefined feasibility thresholds and has initiated the larger provincial trial. He has built an excellent team including national leaders in the field of intensive care trials and RCT methodology which will provide mentorship and support.

The Canadian Critical Care Society is supportive of advancing this field of science and is willing to engage as a knowledge translation partner with Dr. Rochweg when it comes to disseminating his study results.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me,

Sincerely,

Bojan Paunovic
President, Canadian Critical Care Society