Author's response to reviews

Title: Epidural anesthesia and postoperative analgesia with ropivacaine and fentanyl in off-pump coronary artery bypass grafting: a randomized, controlled study

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Dear Editor,

There is a point-by-point description of the changes made.

Abstract: the trial registration number must be mentioned in the abstract. The last section of the abstract must be titled Trial Registration, and must list the trial registry and the unique identifying number. Please note that there must be no space between the letters and numbers of the trial registration number (e.g. ISRCTN12345678). Please ensure that you have also updated the abstract in the submission system to ensure it remains identical to the manuscript.

The trial registration number is provided: NCT01384175

References: references must be cited in numerical order, currently reference 24 is cited before 21.

We have corrected this (P12:L20-21).

Minor revisions (we can make these changes for you, although it will speed up publication of your manuscript if you do them while making the major changes above)

Highlighting/tracking: Please remove all highlighting and tracking from the manuscript.

We have done it.

Tables: please note that we are unable to correctly display merged cells where the merged cell crosses rows: please re-layout your table without these merged elements.

We have tried to re-layout the table. If this is not enough, we would be grateful if you could make any other changes that are necessary for publishing.

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typographical errors and to make any final corrections or revisions. This is the final proofing stage for your manuscript, and you will not be able to make any changes after acceptance.

We have checked the manuscript for the errors.

Best wishes,

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