Reviewer's report

Title: Epidural anesthesia and postoperative analgesia with ropivacaine and fentanyl in off-pump coronary artery bypass grafting

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Reviewer: Tadahiko Ishiyama

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Minor Essential Revisions

This version is much improved.
I have two comments.

1. Authors replied that fentanyl infusion rate was 3 ml/hr in the control group. However, they did not describe that in the manuscript (Page 6, Line 17). Please clarify the initial infusion rate of propofol in the control group in the manuscript.

2. Because authors compared three groups, it is necessary to use "among" instead of "between" in Results (Page 9 and 10).

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.