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Dear Erica,

Thank you for your patience and for keeping the manuscript active.

A. A new version of the manuscript has been uploaded with the inclusion of:

1. Ethics Statement (page 10):

"Ethics approval has been obtained from the Human Research Ethics Committee of the Prince Charles Hospital, Brisbane, Australia (HREC/12/QPCH/291) and informed consent will be obtained from all participants prior to enrolment."

2. Competing interests (page 21):

"Disclosures

DW is a consultant to Medtronic and Edwards, investigator for Edwards, Medtronic and Boston Scientific clinical studies and past proctor for Edwards. No other author declares a conflict of interest."

3. Author contributions (page 21):

"JPF and JFF were involved in the conception and design of study and drafting of the manuscript. AW, MS, EE, OT, WS and AB were involved in the design of the study and drafting of the manuscript. AC, JB, MV, DP, DW and PT were involved in the design of the study. All authors read and approved the final manuscript."
B. Attached to this email is documentation showing proof of ethics and funding. Competitive funding has been obtained from The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation ($99,272) and the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand has awarded a scholarship to the chief investigator based on the merits of this study ($41,657). Please note that this study is also partly funded by donations and fund-raising activities of the Critical Care Research Group (The Prince Charles Hospital and School of Medicine, The University of Queensland) and the Baird Institute (Royal Prince Alfred and Sydney University).

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