Author's response to reviews

Title: Short-term and one-year outcome of infective endocarditis in adult patients treated in a Finnish teaching hospital during 1980-2004

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Dear Sir

By request of Emma Parkin, Associate Editor, BMC-series Journals, I resubmit the manuscript ID1081487658126031. The reason for this is that I erroneously submitted the tables as an additional file. I have made no changes or corrections in the text.

I include here the original version of the cover letter, dated on 18 December, 2006.

Sincerely

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Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed our manuscript "Short-term and one-year outcome of infective endoccarditis in adult..."
patients treated in a Finnish teaching hospital during 1980-2004"

by drs. Hans Helenius, Saija Makila, Timo Savunen, Erik Engblom, Jukka Nikoskelainen, Pirkko Kotilainen, and myself. The manuscript describes an analysis of the outcome and complications of the patients treated for infective endocarditis in our hospital during the last 25 years.

We submit this manuscript for consideration to be published in The BMC Infectious Diseases

as a research article. Previous studies on factors predicting the prognosis of infective endocarditis (IE) have given somewhat conflicting results. At least to some extent, this may be due to differences between the institutions or patient populations studied, or even between environmental or genetic factors. We sought to define the prognostic significance of some of the conventional risk predictors in patients treated for IE in a Finnish teaching hospital. We believe that these data might be of interest to the readers of The BMC Infectious Diseases.

The material of the manuscript is original. All authors have read and approved submission of the manuscript. We declare that the manuscript has not been published elsewhere, and that, if accepted to The BMC Infectious Diseases, will not be republished in any other journal in the same or similar form. None of the authors have any financial or other relationship that might lead to conflict of interest in connection with this paper.

We hope that you will find this information suitable to be published in your Journal.

Yours sincerely,

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