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Reply to editor request:

1) Please kindly provide the individual names of the ethics committees that approved this study.

The study was approved by Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa do Hospital Procardíaco and Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa do Instituto Fernandes Figueira. This was included in the manuscript.

2) expand the Abstract

The abstract was expanded as request.

3) Competing interests

In the title page and letter for editor we already have mentioned that we have no competing interests. However, we make a separate letter.

3) Authors' contributions

We included in the title page the following paragraph.

AS participated in the design of the study, collected data and drafted the manuscript. PL participated in the design of the study, performed the statistical analysis and helped to draft the manuscript. LR participated in the design of the study and read and approved the final manuscript. LG and read and approved the final manuscript. RP collected data and read and approved the final manuscript. LM participated in the design of the study and read and approved the final manuscript.

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We included the following paragraph:

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