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Cover letter with point to point answers to comments of reviewer 2

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The reviewer has suggested two (2) minor essential revisions.

Minor essential revision 1)

A sentence on need of further characterization of proposed index, PIBI is added to the conclusion.

Revised version, page 11, lines 16-17:

“In addition, further studies are needed to estimate the characteristics, value and applicability of PIBI in various clinical settings.”

Minor essential revision 2)

Present the data in the subgroup of non smokers as a sentence in the result
section to confirm that the study findings were not observed only in current smokers.

This is done as suggested by the reviewer

“Among the non-smoking patients, PIBI was 64% lower for statin users when compared to patients without statin (48.9 vs. 105.2).”

Discretionary revision 1)
Table 3, please highlight in bold only the statistically significant data (p<0.05)

This has been done as suggested, the statistically significant data are presented in bold.

The reviewer 4 did not suggest any additional revisions.

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