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While the paper was extensively changed (although the distinction between new and previous text is hard), there is no letter describing the answers to the comments raised. Nevertheless, I do not think that the value of the paper is changed. This was expected, as the initial methodology, selection of patients and so on, cannot be retrospectively changed from a substudy already performed. I cannot support the publication of this paper.