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The following points have been addressed:

- Other potential sources of emboli have been excluded and added to the text, such as paradoxical embolism, intermittent arrhythmias and infective endocarditis.

- Regarding the initiation of double antiplatelet therapy: A line quoting that the only randomized study to date comparing the efficacy of warfarin versus aspirin found no difference was added, as well as a line stating that that was the reason for the double antiplatelet therapy.

- The conclusion is therefore made that a randomized study evaluating the efficacy of double antiplatelet therapy in patients with a valvular strand as the only reason for a previous episode of cerebral embolism is warranted.

Kind regards

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