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Dear Sir,

Biological efficacy of low against medium dose aspirin regimen after coronary surgery: results from a randomized trial

Thank you for re-review our aforementioned manuscript. The comments that we received from Christian von Heymann had no further review points, and the comments from Christiaan J Vrints had only one discretionary review point which was to delete the clopidogrel part of the study.

We have addressed the sole review point and removed all results pertaining to Clopidogrel, but we have left mention of clopidogrel, because the study was registered [NCT00262275] and conducted as a 3 arm study, and this impacts directly on the reported sample size calculation, patient flow characteristics and recruitment numbers. Deleting all mention of the clopidogrel arm would make it seem a separate study to what we have previously reported.

Therefore we have only mentioned clopidogrel as required to report our study conduct. I hope that you will not find this unreasonable.

With kind regards,

Eric Lim