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Dear Editors-in-Chief of *Trials*,

Please find enclosed our answers to the reviewer’s comments and as a result our revised trial design manuscript. The manuscript is entitled “Rationale and Design of EXPLORE: a Randomized, Prospective, Multicenter Trial Investigating the Impact of Recanalization of a Chronic Total Occlusion on Left Ventricular Function in Patients after Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention for Acute ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction” by the authors: RJ van der Schaaf, BE Claessen, LP Hoebers, NJ verouden, JJ Koolen, MJ Suttorp, E Barbato, M Bax, BH Strauss, GK Olivecrona, V Tuseth, D Glogar, T Råmunddal, JG Tijssen, JJ Piek, and JPS Henriques. (ID=1845889486363606)

After the evaluation of the valuable comments of the reviewer, we made some adjustments to the manuscript. These adjustments are mentioned in the document: answers to reviewer’s comments and in the manuscript these changes are marked in yellow and underlined. Also a “Figure and Table Legends” section was added.

During the submission and review process, a new center joined the EXPLORE trial, namely: Dr. Truls Råmunddal from Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg Sweden. Dr. Råmunddal contributed to the drafting of the revised manuscript and was therefore added as an author to this paper.

In our opinion, the revisions greatly improved the manuscript and we would appreciate your kind consideration of these revisions and hopefully consider this manuscript for inclusion in *Trials*.

On behalf of all authors,

Yours sincerely,

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