Author’s response to reviews

Title: S Ugical versus PE Rcutaneous Bypass: SUPERB-trial; Heparin-bonded endoluminal versus surgical femoro-popliteal bypass: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

Authors:

Mare MA Lensvelt (m.m.a.lensvelt@gmail.com)
Suzanne Holewijn (S Holewijn@rijnstate.nl)
Wilbert M Fritschy (w.m.fritschy@isala.nl)
Otmar RM Wikkeling (m.wikkeling@nijsmellinghe.nl)
Laurens A van Walraven (L.vwalraven@antonius-sneek.nl)
Bas M Wallis de Vries (b.m.wallisdevries@chir.umcg.nl)
Clark J Zeebregts (czeebregts@hotmail.com)
Michel MPJ Reijnen (M Reijnen@rijnstate.nl)

Version: 4 Date: 9 July 2011

Author’s response to reviews: see over
Department of Surgery  
Head of Department  Prof. dr. E. Heineman

To  
Doug Altman  
Curt Furberg  
Jeremy Grimshaw  
Peter Rothwell  
Editors-in-Chief  
Trials

Date  July 9, 2011  
Re.  ‘SUrgical versus PERcutaneous Bypass: SUPERB-trial; Heparin-bonded endoluminal versus surgical femoro-popliteal bypass; study protocol for a randomized controlled trial (MS 4436397405471142)’

Dear Editors,

Thank you again for the interest shown in our article. Please find enclosed the second revision of this manuscript, which incorporates the remaining changes that you advised.

Answers to your comments

- Please could you change the title to conform to journal style for study protocol articles. The title should follow the format "____________: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial".

  Reply: Done.

- If applicable, please include an acknowledgement section at the end of the manuscript before the reference list. Please acknowledge anyone who contributed towards the study by making substantial contributions to conception, design, acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data, or who was involved in drafting the manuscript or revising it critically for important intellectual content, but who does not meet the criteria for authorship. Please also include the source(s) of funding for all authors. Authors should obtain permission to acknowledge from all those mentioned in the Acknowledgements.

  Reply: No further acknowledgements are needed

- Please remove the ethics and funding approval documents which are currently uploaded as additional files.

  Reply: Done

Again, I would like to thank you for your interest in our manuscript.

Yours sincerely,
Clark J. Zeebregts, MD, PhD
Professor of Vascular Surgery
Department of Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery
University Medical Center Groningen
P.O. Box 30001, 9700 RB Groningen
The Netherlands

Tel.: +31-50-3613382
Fax: +31-50-3611745
E-mail: czeebregts@hotmail.com