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Dear Editorial team,

I have attached a revised version (7) of my manuscript ‘A randomised study of temporary epicardial cardiac resynchronisation versus conventional right ventricular pacing in cardiac surgical patients’. I have updated the following sections, which are highlighted in yellow in the document:

- The layout has been revised and the tables are now at the end of the paper.
- There is a section for keywords.
- The statistics section has been rewritten and now includes a more comprehensive description of the statistical analysis and the sample size calculation based on the primary endpoint (duration of ITU stay/ level 3 care). I have also included an analysis which indicates that recruitment for this study should be feasible within 2 years.

I would like to thank Dr Gallagher and the editorial team for reviewing this manuscript. Please let me know if I you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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