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Dear Editors

Re: MS: 6263475986444387
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Many thanks for giving us the opportunity to revise and resubmit the above manuscript. In response to the issues raised by the reviewers.

1. Further details of the ethics approval body have been incorporated on page 6 of the revised manuscript (the Nottingham Research Ethics Committee, East Midlands – Nottingham 1.11/EM/0163).

2. With regards to randomisation, no stratification will be used and allocation concealment will be achieved by centralised randomisation. The randomisation program generated a list of forty patients in a random sequence and as patients are recruited they are just added to the list in numerical order of randomisation in line with the predetermined randomisation sequence. These changes have been added to the methods section.

Once again, thanks for giving us the opportunity to revise and resubmit the manuscript.

Yours Sincerely

William Atiomo (on behalf of the co-authors)