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Dear Editor,

on behalf of all authors I would like to resubmit our statistical analysis plan for the TTM-trial. We have read the reviewers comments and are happy with their suggestions.

There were three comments that we respond to point by point below.

1. The definition of uncontrolled bleeding is the one we have used in the trial and is defined as 1 unit/10kg/h, which indeed is a massive haemorrhage. This definition is also used by the Swedish guidelines for transfusion in massive bleeding situations. It is approximately corresponding to bleeding half the blood volume in one hour. We would not expect to have many of these in the trial as the reviewer points out, but we believe that it must be there since we will report it.
2. Hypomagnesaemia is corrected
3. The authors’ contributions are specified with initials.

We would also like to inform you that the analysis process for the main publication of the TTM-trial is over and that the trial-manuscript is written and approved by all authors. We followed the statistical analysis plan outlined in this manuscript point by point and hope that you would consider to publish it in Trials.

Yours sincerely

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