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Title: Randomized controlled Trial to evaluate the optimal Timing of surgical antimicrobial Prophylaxis: Study Protocol for a randomized controlled Trial

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Dear Editors

As per your email on April 8th, I am writing to resubmit the study protocol of our trial now entitled „Randomized controlled Trial to evaluate the optimal Timing of surgical antimicrobial Prophylaxis: Study Protocol for a randomized controlled Trial”.

As per the reviewer’s comments, we have revised the manuscript trying to improve the written English language. However, none of the authors is a native speaker. Thus, should the manuscript require additional language improvements, we would be happy to have it reviewed by a native speaker or professional.

As per the editorial requests, the following changes were made to the manuscript:

1. The title now conforms to the journal style for study protocol articles.
2. The funding section has now been moved to the acknowledgements section.
3. The figure “Study flow chart” is now a separate file and was removed from the actual manuscript.
4. The figure title and legend are now located after the references.
5. In the “Methods” section, under “Patients”, on page 10, there is now an additional statement stating that “Written informed consent is obtained from each patient prior to randomization”.
6. On page 16 under “ethical considerations”, the names of the two ethical bodies that approved this trial are now listed.

I hope that the manuscript now matches your expectations. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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