Reviewer’s report

Title: SodiUm SeleniTe Adminstration IN Cardiac Surgery (SUSTAIN CSX(R)-trial): study design of an international multicentre randomized double-blinded controlled trial of high dose sodium-selenite administration in high-risk cardiac surgical patients

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The authors present a study protocol of using high dose sodium-selenite in cardiac surgical patients in a multicentre randomized double-blinded trial. As we know is sodium selenite a potent radical scavenger, but there a few data on using selenium perioperatively. Therefore this study is justified and important an may gain new knowledge in this field.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

declare that I have no competing interests