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Thank you for the opportunity to revise the manuscript MS-1571668047221930. Please find our response to the reviewer’s kind comments below.

1) On page 7, we have now added that block size is variable.

2) We agree that the sentence on page 13 was confusing. According to our protocol, we planned "landmark mortality rates" and have thus deleted the sentence "Mortality will be analyzed by proportional hazards method (Cox regression analysis)" on page 13.

We have also made a few additional changes to the manuscript:


2) Dr. Svein Aa. Rodt (Aarhus Hospital) is added in acknowledgements.
3) A minor update of Figure 3 is made (more visible x-axis).

We hope that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication.

On behalf of the authors
Yours sincerely,
Christian S Meyhoff