Reviewer's report

Title: Lepirudin as an alternative to heparin allergy, during cardiopulmonary bypass

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Heparine induced thrombocytopenia (HIT II) is a major hematological problem being even more dangerous when related to cardiac surgery procedures. When detected preoperatively a substitution to heparin has to be used and lepirudin (Refludan) seems to be the commonest option. In this paper the scenario of a lepirudin regime is well described and can be useful to other similar cases. The paper is worth to be published and the author can be trusted to improve the grammar and correct a few language errors.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'