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Dear Editors in Chief,

I would hereby like to submit our original scientific article entitled: “Activated coagulation time vs. intrinsically activated modified rotational thromboelastometry in assessment of hemostatic disturbances and blood loss after protamine administration in elective cardiac surgery: analysis from the clinical trial (NCT01281397)”.

This manuscript was presented at 23rd World Congress of the World Society of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (September 2013, Split, Croatia) and awarded as one of 10 (6th best) abstracts among approximately 500 abstracts submitted.

Since 2008, we are investigating the role of platelet function assessment and viscoelastic blood clot properties assessment in prediction of excessive bleeding after cardiac surgery procedures. In order to optimize hemostatic management in routine cardiac surgery, use of rotational thromboelastometry for heparin-protamine management should be considered. We believe that our article would be of interest to your readers.

We have encountered no conflicts of interest in preparing this article.
All colleagues listed as authors on the byline are qualified for authorship and all who are qualified to be authors are listed as the authors on the byline.

Allow me to say that it would be a privilege to have our paper published in your esteemed Journal.

Yours faithfully,

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