Author’s response to reviews

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To the editors,

Thank you for your prompt response to the submission of our manuscript. We have carefully read the comments of both reviewers and have made the following changes.

Reviewer: Andrea Montisci

1. Major compulsory revision – We have changed the line 226 to reflect the fact the dipyridamole is no longer part of the standard anti-platelet therapy regime but may still be used. The sentence now reads “Both the HeartMate II and HVAD patients should have an INR of 2 – 3, aspirin 81 mg daily, and may include dipyridamole 75 mg three times daily or clopidogrel 75 mg daily”

2. Minor essential revision – The word possibility has been changed to possible in the abstract (line 58).

3. Minor essential revision – The two papers that were suggested for citation have been included, as reference number 25 (Slaughter et al – Clinical management of continuous-flow left ventricular assist devices in advanced heart failure J Heart Lung Transplant 2010) and reference number 38 (The 2013 International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Guidelines for Mechanical Circulatory Support: Executive Summary).

Reviewer: Carlo Banfi

No revisions suggested.

We thank both of the reviewers for their comments and time. The article is now re-submitted for review with the above changes made.

Yours Sincerely

Dr Subramanian Sathishkumar