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Title: Different dose regimes and administration methods of tranexamic acid in cardiac surgery: a meta-analysis of randomized trials

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Editor Comments:

1. Comments: For Authors' contributions, please kindly add a statement that "All authors read and approved the final manuscript."

Revision: Thanks for your kind suggestion. In the revised version, we added the required statement (declarations section, line 36, page 12).

2. Comments: Please delete Appendix 1 and also the citation of Appendix 1.

Revision: Thanks for your valuable suggestion. In the revised version, we deleted Appendix 1 (the PRISMA checklist) and also the citation of Appendix 1 in the method section. The number of the previous appendixes2-4 were changed into appendixes1-3 (method section, line 15, page 4) and (result section, line 16/18/22, page 5).
3. Comments: Please provide a clean final version without track changes.

Revision: Thanks for your kind suggestion. We provided a clean final version without track changes this time.

Reviewer reports:

1. Comments: Title was not changed according to my previous suggestion.

Revision: Thanks very much for this valuable suggestion and we apologize for not changing the title in the previous version. In this revised version, we made sure that the title was changed into Different dose regimes and administration methods of tranexamic acid in cardiac surgery: a meta-analysis of randomized trials.

2. Comments: The n/N and percentage of the different outcomes was not included in the abstract.

Revision: Thanks very much for your kind suggestion. In this revised version, we added the n/N of transfusion rate and seizure attack in the abstract. (abstract section, line 15-16/21-22, page 2)

3. Comments: When n/N was added in the results, the percentage include many decimal digits (after the comma or point): this is not useful and distracting for medical readers (e.g. the transfusion rate is 35%, not 35.14% !!!!!!!9

Revision: Thanks very much for your valuable suggestion. In the revised version, we deleted the unnecessary decimal digits for transfusion rate and reoperation rate in the result section (result section, line 8/32, page6).

4. Comments: I would suggest a last check of English spelling, grammar, punctuation and phrasing E.g. 13 trails (??)

Revision: Thanks very much for your kind suggestion. We’ve done a last check of English spelling, grammar, punctuation and phrasing before submitting the final version. We made several changes and most of them were spelling mistakes (trail→trial, adsolute→absolute, allogenic→allogeneic. etc.)