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Editor-in-Chief
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Dear Editor-in-Chief and Editor Francesca Dickens,

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter on our manuscript entitled “Periprocedural heparin bridging in patients receiving oral anticoagulation: a systematic review and meta-analysis” (BCAR-D-17-00230R1). We appreciate the valuable comments and suggestion made by the reviewers and Editorial Board. In the following, we respond to the comments point by point. All the page numbers refer to the revised manuscript. We hope that the revised manuscript
is improved to the point where it can now be accepted for publication in BMC Cardiovascular Disorders. Thank you again for your consideration.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at my e-mail addresses: zjwang1975@hotmail.com

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10. As for the funding, we made a change.

So far we’ve found funding. In Page 14 line 17-19, we added the following” This article is funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China NO. 81670391, and the name is “The effect and mechanism of omentin-1 released from perivascular adipose tissue on macrophage autophagy and atherosclerotic plaque stability”. 