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Dear Editor,

Please find the revised manuscript for the DETECTOR study protocol we submit for publication in BMC Cardiovascular Disorders (BCAR-D-19-00371R1).

We have clarified the full name of the ethics committee that approved the study and the committee’s reference number: ethics Committee for Persons Protection (Comité de Protection des Personnes Ile de France II, IRB number 1072)

We have renamed the list of abbreviations, moved to after the Discussion.

We have removed any files in the file inventory that will not be published alongside the manuscript.

A clean version of the manuscript has been uploaded and relevant tables/figures, as requested.

Sincerely yours,

Pr Jean Trédaniel