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Dear Editor,

Please find answered point-by-point the Editor’s comments stated on the letter:

1. Please indicate the email address of the corresponding author on the title page and ensure it matches that on the system.

Answer: Email addressed indicated as asked.


Answer: Section has been renamed to Methods.
3. Please remove the initial statement in the declarations regarding accepting the following conditions.

Answer: Concerning statement has been removed.

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Answer: All relevant clean-version files have been reuploaded. All figures and tables are cited within the text.

Thank you very much
Drs. Corrochano

In the methods there is a paragraph beginning with "A total of 1,380 patients..." These are results and should probably be moved to the results section.
Answer: The paragraph has been moved to the result section

In the results if reporting median age, IQR would perhaps be a better indicator of data spread than standard deviation.
Answer: Median and IQR age have been included in the text and table 1.

Patients with VTE are referred to as having "recurrent VTE". Had patients actually had recurrences or were they being treated to prevent a first recurrence after an initial event?
Answer: All these patients have experienced recurrences (previous episodes of VTE).

On page 8 the word "traumatism" is used. "Trauma" would probably be a better word here.
Answer: The word Traumatism has been replaced by Trauma

Would limit conclusions to those directly observed in your study. the long discussion with comparison to other studies should appear in the discussion but not in the conclusion.
Answer: We agree. Conclusion has been re-written accordingly.

Table 1: Not a very informative way to report on comorbidities (ie, any vs. &gt;3). Would be better to list them out individually if you have this level of detail. I defer to the judgement of the editorial staff on this issue but it would be nice to know what type of comorbidities were present.
Answer: Data of each comorbidity have been included in the Table 1.

Tables 3.1, 3.2, 3.3: Defer to the editorial staff on whether you want to invest the time and resources to include these tables but they are massive and I'm not sure the information provided
adds much to the manuscript. My opinion is not many readers are going to invest the energy required to review these tables in any detail.

Answer: As indicated previously, we prefer including the tables because they can be useful for readers. Nevertheless, tables can be deleted if the Editor suggests it.

Thank you very much
Drs. Corrochano