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Reviewer: Bert Vaes

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The paper has improved a lot.

Just 2 final remarks.

- What is the difference between persistent and permanent AF? I thought this was the same?

- There is a difference between anticoagulants and anti-platelets, this should be split up.

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