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Dear Sir/Madam,

Third re-submission of paper entitled, “The ethics of using placebo in randomised controlled trials: a case study of a Plasmodium vivax antirelapse trial” (METH-D-16-00190R2)

Thank you for your further comments. Please see point-by-point response to the technical comments. The location of the changes refer the manuscript with track changes.

1. Please state the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript should be declared. If the funding body played no such role please also state that.

This sentence has been added in the “Funding” section on page 14, line 332.

“The funding bodies had no role in the conception of the research or in writing the manuscript.”

2. In the abstract change the heading labelled 'Discussion' to 'Main Body' and 'Summary' to 'Conclusion'

The changes suggested have been done. See abstract on page 3, lines 45 and 53.
We hope that the paper is now suitable for publication in your journal.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

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