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 On reading the pdf of the revised submission, I felt that the revised opening paragraph of the results (recommended by Prof Maitland) could be slightly reworded for better readability:

 “Of the 560 Vietnamese patients, 538 (96.1%) had a platelet count documented on admission. The 22 patients who did not have a platelet count recorded had neither more severe disease (p=0.4), nor were they more likely to die (p=0.12). Of the 142 Bangladeshi and Indian patients, 109 (76.8%) had an admission platelet count recorded; 31 of the 33 patients with a missing value were studied in 2004 and 2005 when platelet counts were not routinely collected for the studies. The two remaining Bangladeshi and Indian patients without a documented platelet count (from 2011 and 2008 respectively) both survived.”

 A revised manuscript has been submitted accordingly (resubmission 6).