Reviewer’s report

Title: Combination Use of Platelets and Recombinant Activated Factor VII for Increased Hemostasis during Acute Type A Dissection Operations

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Minor Essential Revision: The authors should indicate in the abstract that the treatment strategy was prospectively allocated to the treatment group as this is unlike the majority of publications on the topic. The majority are mostly retrospective, propensity matched studies.

Discretionary revision: The authors should include the incidence of HITT in both groups and more details about the causes of stroke (1 patient) in each group.

The cost-effectiveness of this strategy should be described as the rFactor VIIa treatment will not be offset by the decreased use of blood products.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.