Reviewer’s report

Title: Bleeding complications after cardiac surgery, before anticoagulation start and then with argatroban or heparin in the early postoperative setting

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In a retrospective review of argatrovan versus heparin or switching from heparin to argatrovan the authors study I believe correctly conclude that argatrovan patients were at higher risk for bleeding. The issue I have is that they then spend the rest of the paper trying to outline why this conclusion is inaccurate based on their retrospective study with significant selection bias. there just are too many confounding variable's in this study to draw any conclusions from the data presented let alone that argatrovan somehow might be better than heparin if timing of bleeding were taken into consideration. The authors outlined these limitations but their conclusions don't support the data they present.

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