Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

August 25, 2014

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 17164-Review.doc).

Title: Variability of platelet aggregation in patients with clopidogrel treatment and hip fracture.
A Retrospective case-control study on 112 patients

Author: Anna Clareus, Inga Fredriksson, Håkan Wallén, Max Gordon, André Stark and Olof Sköldenberg

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Orthopedics*

ESPS Manuscript NO: 17164

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers and administrators, the changed text is highlighted in yellow:

1. Format has been updated as suggested by administrators

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Reviewer 03071544: Gives no suggestions for change of manuscript

(2) Reviewer 03065442: Says "See attached document" but I cannot see any attached documents on the homepage or mailed to me

(3) Reviewer 03069301: Assessment of bleeding is now explained in MoM and highlighted. The limitations of the study as the small sample size is already discussed in Discussion. Details regarding co-morbidites are, in our opinion , not necessary for this paper

(4) Reviewer 03070252: "The primary concern regarding the study is intervention bias:" This is now included in the limitations section of the paper and highlighted in Discussion. Clarified the effect of MEA on 7 patients in Results section, highlighted. "Line 10:7-9 – given the intervention bias, I do not think you can say you minimized the risk of bleeding and this statement should be removed. In fact, your study found no difference in intraoperative blood loss." Corrected in Discussion section by removing this part of the sentence. "Table 1 – you should include p-values to show if there was a difference or not in demographics between groups." We do not agree on doing hypothesis testing (i.e. p-values) on baseline data, no change to manuscript

(5) Reviewer 03065340: "As stated in the Comments to the Authors it is recommended for publication if necessary information will be added." However, I can find no information on the "Comments to authors" section; please clarify what changes this reviewer suggests.

3 References and typesetting were corrected, reference 2 were removed

Kind regards

Olof Sköldenberg, MD, PHD, Associate professor