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Thank you for consideration of our manuscript for publication in your journal.

We have reviewed the above manuscript according to your editors' request and reviewer's comments.

Editors' request

1) Title best less than 12 words.

We deleted "A Cohort Controlled Study" to reduce to length of title. However, the total of words was still 18 words in order to keep the meaningful description of study.

2) Author contributions

Author contributions were already added in title page.

3) Institutional review board (IRB) statement

The IRB statement was added in title page and the ethic approval document was already provided in PDF format. The ethics of this study was a sub-project of our hip fracture study and showed in New Sub1 (Does Ear Hip Surgery Increase Blood Loss in Elderly Displaced Femoral Neck Fracture Patients Received Antiplatelet Agent and Treated with Arthroplasty)

4) Informed consent statement

The informed consent statement was already added in title page and provided in PDF format (We had only Thai version).

5) Conflict-of-interest statement

The Conflict-of-interest statement was already added in title page and provided in PDF format.

6) Data sharing statement

The Data Sharing Statement was already added in title page and provided in PDF format.

7) Statistical analysis

This statement already mentioned in the text and we already provided a certificate of statistical review signed by a biostatistician in PDF format.

8) Core tip

The Core tip was already added.

9) Audio Core Tip

The audio core tip was already provided in mp3 format.

10) Citation style

Citation style was edited as request.

11) COMMENTS

The comments were added along with the journal pattern.

12) REFERENCES

All authors' name in the reference was already added.

13) Figure

Original picture of Figure 1 was already attached with this manuscript revision submission.

Reviewer comments

Reviewer # 1 (Reviewer's code 01220036)

No request to revised the manuscript

Reviewer # 2 (Reviewer's code 02444715)

- 1) Need to elaborate more on blood tests used before and after surgery to assess the bleeding and clotting profile

We totally agreed with the reviewer and already added the blood coagulation profile (platelet count, activated partial thromboplastin time, and prothrombin time) into the updated manuscript in Table 1. The added results and discussion were highlighted with gray color.

Reviewer # 3 (Reviewer's code 02444698)

- 1) Tile of the study can be modified. A cohort control study is little new for me. You can omit this part.
We now modified our title by deleting "A cohort controlled study".

Reviewer # 4 (Reviewer's code 00505366)

No request to revised the manuscript

Reviewer # 5 (Reviewer's code 02444730)

- 1) I believe that it would be useful if the authors could calculate the LOS (length of hospital stay) after the operation (PLOS, postoperative length of stay) in both groups and show if there is a significant difference between the two groups.

Postoperative length of stay (PLOS) was now added in Table 3, RESULT, and DISCUSSION section. All of the added information was highlighted with gray color.

- 2) "Postoperative infections were occurred in 9 patients of ES group and 16 patients of DS group." What kind of infections?

The postoperative infections were pneumonia and urinary tract infection (UTI), and had been shown in Table 3. There were 2 patients having pneumonia and 7 patients having UTI in ES group. DS group had 5 patients with pneumonia and 11 patients with UTI. In order to clarify this sentence, the word "(Table 3)" was added at the end of this sentence and highlighted with gray color.