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Janata et al presented a randomised controlled study on the use of Minocycline as a treatment option for VF cardiac arrest. The results of this study are interesting and will add to the literature of cardiac arrest management. While the manuscript is written well overall it can be improved by providing some clarifications in the presentation. 1. Was there a sample size planned, as there was a significant body of work in this area including the authors group? 2. From my understanding of the presented details, it appears to me that the study had a simple randomisation sequence. However, the authors present that "block randomisation" was used. If this is the case, please clarify how the blocks were generated. 3. Randomisation was performed after ROSC. I am not sure of the first paragraph in the results that states that three did not achieve ROSC and three others were excluded for technical reasons. Are these exclusions post randomisation or pre randomisation? A flow chart may help in improving the clarity of the process where the number of rats shown at each step including initial induction of VF, ROSC and inclusion in the study details. 4. Please also summarise the results in the first paragraph of the results in the main text.

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