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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 17171-review.doc).

Title: Hemoglobin Optimization and Transfusion Strategies in Patients undergoing Cardiac Surgery

Author: Mahdi Najafi, David Faraoni

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Cardiology*

ESPS Manuscript NO: 17171

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

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

Reviewed by 00214240

nice overview of an very actual topic in cardiac care some minor critics in your conclusion you are writing that preliminary data suggested that a liberal transfusion policy might be associated with better outcomes this is probably true in light of the very recently published TITRe2 study (NEJM 2015) , but than you need also the references and maybe you need to have this study available in the discussion

Authors: We'd like to thank the reviewer for your interest in our article and your thoughtful comments. We completely agree with the reviewer's comment. The results of the TITRe2 study were not published at the time we submitted the first version of the manuscript, but are now included in the revised version.

Reviewed by 00211908

Hengelo, 18 March 2015, Comments on the manuscript No. 17171 written by Mahdi Najafi and David Faraoni entitled "Hemoglobin optimization and transfusion strategies in patients undergoing cardiac surgery". Major: - This review is important one dealing with anemia and the requirement of blood transfusion in patients undergoing cardiac surgery. Both anemia and transfusion may be associated with adverse reactions. This review gives comprehensive analysis for both items. - Attention should be paid to the style and typology throughout the

manuscript. - References should be put according to the WJC requirements.

Authors: We thank the reviewer for these comments. We checked the manuscript, and edited the references according to WJC style.

- It may be suggested that the authors: summarize the current recommendations, if any, in a TABLE for the different categories undergoing cardiac surgery (symptomatic acute coronary syndrome, stable coronary artery disease, high-risk vs low-risk patients, anemic and non-anemic). Minor: Page 5: line 19: "Below" instead of "bellow" . Page 7: Line 22: Currently, EPO is approved "in" anemic patients.... Page 9: Line 3: ... "in" is redundant and should be "is" ... Page 9: Line 14: ... "poor" outcomes may sound better than "bad" outcomes...

With kind regards, Number ID: 00211908

Authors: We completely agree with the reviewer, and it was our objective to summarize current evidence in a table.

Unfortunately, although some studies were published recently, the literature is relatively heterogeneous, and could not permit any 'evidence based' summary.

Reviewed by 00214291

Interesting article

Authors: We thank you so much for your positive feedback.

Reviewed by 00227355

This is an interesting paper for the clinical practice. Mahdi Najafi et al. reported that anemia and red blood cells transfusion were common during cardiac surgery, and could be associated with severe adverse reactions. They also reported that further large prospective studies were urgently needed to determine the efficacy and safety of different transfusion strategies in this high-risk population. Overall the paper appears to be carefully examined and data adequately discussed. I suggest that this paper has the priority to be published in WJC.

Authors: We thank you so much for your positive feedback.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Cardiology*.

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