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**Example:**

**Reviewer 1**

1. The authors should include an ethics statement in the methods.

We thank the reviewer for the suggestion. This has been added.

Page 4, Line 143:

“The study was approved by the ethics committee of the hospital.”

1. Authors referred to thrombophilia work up- Please specify for the reader the exact test performed. Was antiphospholipid syndrome work up undertaken? did they rule out myeloproliferative disorders?

Thrombophilia screening was performed 3 weeks after suspension of anticoagulation according to local protocol, which routinely includes protein C and S functional testing, antithrombin III funcional testing, factor V Leiden, homocysteine metabolism and antiphospholipid antibodies. The patient was also evaluated by a haematologist, and myeloproliferative disease was excluded.

Page 5, Line 126

“Thrombophilia including protein C and S deficiency, antitrombin III deficiency, antiphospholipid antibodies, and myeloproliferative disorders were ruled out with appropriate testing.”