Dear Jeremy

Many thanks for these and for the original documents.

The findings of the analysis are accurate. The document is good and well balanced.

I was sincerely hoping that the document would come more clearly on the side of stricter recommendations with regards to the duration of the QRS complex as a marker of potential response to the CRT devices which would strengthen the cost-effective argument for restricting the use of CRT devices to those more likely to benefit.

The summary and the presentation are excellent. I do hope that the final recommendations are articulated to the wider health community in a clear fashion as it will result in some change to the current practices in some centres. It is important to realise that certain devices can reduce sudden cardiac death without affecting the total mortality. This is effectively changing the mode of death (and may be the time to death).

I welcome the research recommendation of an RCT to compare CRTP and CRTD in patients with HF and LVSD.

The meta-analysis findings of the greater benefit for women in subgroup analysis than in men is interesting epidemiologically, and exciting scientifically to recommend further research into why this difference in response exists.

Best Regards,

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