Author's response to reviews

Title: Sildenafil-triggered cardiac arrest in a patient with an abnormal origin of the left coronary artery: Case report

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Re: Manuscript # 1514453859512893

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you very much for your review and the possibility to resubmit our case report titled “Sildenafil-triggered cardiac arrest in a patient with an abnormal origin of the left coronary artery”.

We found your comments very helpful and have revised the manuscript accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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Answer to reviewer comments

Please revise your manuscript to acknowledge that a link between Sildenafil ingestion and cardiac arrest cannot be conclusively established (on the basis of this report), and that you are reporting the co-occurrence of the two events. OR Please revise your manuscript to provide a compelling argument for why you believe that Sildenafil contributed directly to the cardiac arrest.

REPLY: We revised our manuscript and added a statement that a link between Sildenafil ingestion and cardiac arrest cannot be conclusively established (on the basis of this report), and that we are reporting the co-occurrence of the two events.
Please revise your abstract so that it is structured as follows: Background, Case presentation, Conclusions.

REPLY: We revised the abstract and structured it (Background, Case presentation, Conclusions).

Also, from your manuscript, it is unclear whether the patient survived or not (given the mention of sudden cardiac death in the abstract). Please clarify this in the manuscript and modify your statement of consent accordingly (i.e., if the patient did not survive, consent should have been obtained from next of kin).

REPLY: The patient survived the cardiac arrest. Therefore, we changed the term “sudden cardiac death” in the abstract to “cardiac arrest”. We have sent the patient’s consent for publication by email and therefore didn’t change the statement of consent in the manuscript.

In addition, due to the sensitive nature of the case, we require you to provide us with a copy of the patient’s (or next of kin’s) consent for publication. You may return this document to us by replying to this email. (Consent should NOT be uploaded with manuscript files).

REPLY: As requested, we have sent the patient’s consent for publication by email.