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Reviewer 2:

General Comments:

1- We agree with the reviewers point. We do not present a statistical superiority as our patient sample and the number of infections do not let us to apply valid statistical methods for analysis. Everybody knows that even with this number of patients it is theoretically possible to show some kind of statistical validity but would it be ethical? We still believe that this study, as it is the first of its kind, can be an important basis for other authors who may reach to a larger number of patients.

2- Yes, duration of 6 weeks is too long for prophylaxis but when we compared the costs of reoperation to the cost of hyperbaric oxygen treatment, hyperbaric treatment is still quite cost effective. (Hyperbaric oxygen treatment is very cheap in our country as 1 session costs about 30 US dollars)