Author’s response to reviews

Title: Supraventricular tachyarrhythmias after lung cancer surgery. Is amiodarone a safe and effective antiarrhythmic to use?

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With respect to reviewer’s comments we submit our revised manuscript with a point-by-point response:

Reviewer 1 (Paola Ciriaco)
1. According to your comment we have removed the 51 lung biopsies.
2. We have added in the Method’s section the preoperative cardiac evaluation of our patients.
3. We have added the analgesia protocol carried out in our department.
4. We specified the amiodarone dose in mg/kg.

Reviewer 2 (Urs Bauersfeld)
1. We have added the preoperative cardiac evaluation of our patients
2. We did not analyze QTc prolongations after surgery and after amiodarone administration. However this is a good idea for a future project.
3. We have added information about postoperative medications. QT prolonging drugs were avoided and patients who preoperatively received drugs associated with QT prolongation were excluded from the study.
4. We have added a comment about QT prolonging drugs, amiodarone and postoperative states.
5. We have omitted information redundant (i.e statistically significant etc.)
6. The information of table 2 was integrated in the results text section
7. We have corrected the circumstances leading to death.
8. We have used the word ingestion instead of assumption.
9. We made a clear statement that calcium channel blockers are contraindicated in patients with WPW syndrome.
10. We have added the word effective in the title.
11. We have corrected the minor grammatical errors.

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