Author's response to reviews

Title: Incidence of a round window membrane rupture in patients with sudden sensorineural hearing loss

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Dear Professor Aime,

Please find attached to this letter our manuscript “Incidence of a round window membrane rupture in patients with sudden sensorineural hearing loss”.

The evaluation of patients with sudden deafness and a suspected rupture of the round window membrane has raised a lot of interest in the scientific community over the last decades. However, the best treatment regimen is still unclear. This paper addresses the role of an exploratory tympanotomy including covering the round window niche. Intraoperative findings and postoperative hearing recovery were documented.

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Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript.

Sincerely yours

Frank Haubner