Author’s response to reviews

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We carried out following changes:

Major revisions:

1. Rebuttal letter: pages 1-4 has been removed

2. Affiliations: Affiliations for authors from different departments were written fully on separate line. Ali Ozhand is from preventive medicine department and rest of authors are from Medicine department.

3. Competing interests section was included after conclusion section with no competing interest to declare.

4. Authors’ contribution was included after competing interest section with following information: RR participated in measuring echo data and writing the manuscript. SQ and NT collected the information, followed patient and carried out entering data. AO performed statistical analysis. TZN conceived of the study, designed and coordinated each step and revised the final version of manuscript prior to submission. All authors read and approve the final manuscript.

5. References: all references were cited using square brackets.

6. Figures: we changed the order of figures. We placed figure 2 after figure 1 in the text. It was previously cited as figure 4 after figure 1. We also changed other figures as follow: Figure 5 became figure 3, figure 3 became figure 4 and figure 4 became figure 5.

7. Tables: unable to display shading and color. We removed the color and shading and made it bold.

Minor revisions:

1. Qualifications from author list were removed.

2. Blank pages: were removed

3. References: the names for references were completed. References 1,5,9,10,11,12,13,15,17,18 were written with full citation of authors name.