Author's response to reviews

Title: Left Atrial Volume Measurement with Automated Border Detection by 3-Dimensional Echocardiography: Comparison with Magnetic Resonance Imaging

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Dear Dr. Picano,

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This is regarding the submission of our manuscript entitled:

“Left atrial volume measurement with Automated Border Detection by 3-Dimensional Echocardiography: Comparison with Magnetic Resonance Imaging.”

This manuscript was initially submitted to Cardiovascular Ultrasound on March 22nd 2009. The response on March 28th indicated number of constructive suggestions that have now been addressed. The point by point responses are following:

Referee #1
1. Please discuss the clinical implications of the present results. Should LA volume always obtained by RT3D?
Response: The issue of the clinical implication of our findings have now been discussed in an additional dedicated paragraph added in Discussion section page 11 second paragraph starting from line #9.

2. Please upload clips with the 3 methods employed to measure LA volume (there is no space limit).
Response: Uploading of an AVI file with better quality demonstrating the measurement technique of the 3D method has attempted.

Referee #2
1. In table 1 “Coarcation” should be “Coarctation”
Response: The spelling of the term “Coarctation” in table 1 has now been corrected.

We hope that the above changes are to your satisfaction and also hope that the editors find this manuscript suitable for publication in the Cardiovascular Ultrasound.

Sincerely
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