Author’s response to reviews

Title: How to misuse echo contrast

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Dear Editor-in-Chief, Prof Picano

We hope you will consider our revised manuscript “How to misuse echo contrast” for publication in Cardiovascular ultrasound, in which we have made changes accordingly after carefully having read the comments by the reviewers.

Point by point Response to Reviewer's comments;

Reviewer 1:
1) The discussion should be shortened and more focused on the use of contrast for intracardia masses and its diagnostic accuracy in this set of patients.
Response; we have shortened the first part of discussion and added a section where safety issues of contrast are discussed.

2) The safety issue of contrast should be addressed
Response; a section where the safety issue of contrast are discussed has been added to the revised manuscript, and four additional references have been added.

3) More images (clips) should be uploaded (there in no space limits)
Response; we have added three video clips in the revised manuscript.

Reviewer’s report 2:
1) It could be useful briefly discuss the safety issue of ultrasound contrast media, an important limitation of its widespread clinical use.
Response; a section where the safety issue of contrast are discussed have been added to the revised manuscript, and four additional references have been added.

2) The Authors should emphasize the role of MRI, when TTE/TEE are inadequate to make the diagnosis.
Response; a section about the use of MRI in the diagnosis of space-occupying lesions has been added to the revised manuscript and two additional references have been added.

Best Regards
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