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Sir,

I am pleased to submit the revised version of the present manuscript entitled “Identification and Quantification of Prosthetic Mitral Regurgitation by Flow Convergence Method Using Transthoracic Approach” as case report in Cardiovascular Ultrasound.

The manuscript has been modified according to the requests of the 2 reviewers. Particularly, the diagnostic performance of the PISA indexes has been detailed (and erroneous values of sensitivity and specificity have been corrected), the intra- and inter-observer variability has been given, and the feasibility more detailed. The reference by Cohen et al has been added to complete the Reference section. Regrettably, videoclips are not available (only single numerical images can be stored currently).

Sincerely yours,

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