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Dear Editor- Team

Thank you very much for the review of the above mentioned manuscript. We think that we can satisfactorily revise our manuscript and therefore resubmit it today. Enclosed please find the revised manuscript.

Major revisions

1. Author list - The list of authors in the manuscript should be written exactly as they are in the submission system. The authors (forename, initial (if any), surname) should be written identically and in the order in which they are listed in the submission system.

We corrected the order as they are listed in the submission system and checked the authors list. Names are typed correct.
2. Author contributions: please abbreviate the author names in this section, and indicate that 'all authors have read and approved the final manuscript'.

We abbreviated the author’s names in this section and included: 'all authors have read and approved the final manuscript'.

3. Tables: tables must be created using a Tables tool, and should not be linked files, figures, or generated with tabbed text. Tables must be divided into rows and columns. Please ensure that text alignment in columns is clear and consistent. We recommend the MS Word auto-format template: simple 1. Please do not include vertical lines in your tables.

We subdivided the table into rows and columns using the MS Word auto-format template “simple 1”.

Minor revisions

1. Abstract: please remove the keywords section.

We removed the keyword section

2. Manuscript format: please remove all review tracking.

We removed all review trackings

3. Figure cropping - It is important for the final layout of the manuscript that the figures are cropped as closely as possible to minimise white space around the image.

We checked that the figures are cropped closely as possible

We hope that you will find our manuscript satisfactorily revised and now acceptable for publication in the “Cardiovascular Ultrasound”.

Kind regards

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