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**RE: REVISED CASE REPORT: AN UNUSUAL CASE OF LEFT VENTRICULAR ANEURYSM IN DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY**

Dear Dr. Picano:

Thank you for your favorable review of our manuscript. Attached you will find our detailed responses to the reviewer. Additionally, we have attached a revised manuscript for *Cardiovascular Ultrasound* with changes in red font. We hope that you find our revised manuscript favorable. Should anything further be required, please do not hesitate in contacting us and we will try to oblige as promptly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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1. Please describe the case report before revising literature.

   This has been updated accordingly in the revised manuscript.

2. Please explain why the patient was treated conservatively. What is the risk of rupture, in this case?

   As described in our case report, indications for surgical treatment of left ventricular aneurysms include refractory heart failure despite optimal medical therapy, intractable angina, systemic embolization, and/or incessant ventricular arrhythmias. As our patient demonstrated none of the aforementioned surgical indications, he was managed conservatively. Upon reviewing the literature, the risk of rupture of a true LV aneurysm, as in this patient’s case, is less than 2%.

   On page 2 of the revised manuscript, we have added the following statement in the case report section:

   “Due to the low risk of rupture of a true LV aneurysm, the patient was treated conservatively.”

3. Upload images (there is no space limit).

   We have added figure 1 which includes the EKG and echocardiographic findings in this patient.