Author's response to reviews


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Dear Prof. Eugenio Picano
Editor in Chief of Cardiovascular Ultrasound

Following reviewer's suggestions, the manuscript has been modified:

Reviewer 1, Dr. Rosa Sicari M.D.
1 In the abstract section numbers have been inserted
2 The confounding factors in the haemodynamic assessment have been outlined
3 The time of echo assessment after surgery has been specified
4 No patients with LV dysfunction has been excluded
6, 8, 10 The clinical implications of PPM, the clinical and echo follow-up as well as the role of stress echo represent the object of the ongoing study. In the present work only the early evaluation of haemodynamic performance of both bioprosthetic valves has been investigated and reported. We apologize for non considering reviewer's comment.
7 The importance of PPM and its incidence rate at early echo evaluation have been discussed

Reviewer 2, Prof. Patrizio Lancellotti M.D.
1 The way of calculating EOA has been specified
2 The sentence with “tend” has been modified
3, 4 The presence and incidence of physiological intraprosthetic regurgitation have been inserted, as well as the % of AF
5 see point 4 below
6 The number of patients in each group (for each ring size) in Table 4 and 5 has been inserted

Please find enclosed two clips regarding a 23 CEPM and a 23 CEPS well functioning.

Hoping that the manuscript will be now adherent to reviewer's suggestions and suitable for publication in Cardiovascular Ultrasound,

Best regards

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