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Dear Mr. Zamvar,

according to the requested formatting changes we would like to submit the revision of the paper “Concomitant ablation of atrial fibrillation in octogenarians: an observational study” by HERKO GRUBITZSCH, SVEN BEHOLZ, PASCAL M. DOHMEN, SIMON DUSHE AND WOLFGANG KONERTZ for publication in the Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

The following change have been made:
1) Authors' qualifications (PhD / MD) have been removed from the manuscript and submissions system
2) List of abbreviations was transformed into a paragraph
3) “Author's contributions” was changed into “Authors' contributions”
4) Now, the reference list contains all authors' names, if there are 30 or below
5) The repeated table 4 was removed from the text
6) Blank Pages 27 and 28 were removed
7) Figure titles were removed from the image files
8) All figures were cropped as closely as possible.

We confirm that all authors approved the revision.

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript. With the reviewer's recommendations, we are convinced that the we could significantly improve this first report on concomitant AF ablation in octogenarians.

Best regards,

Dr. Herko Grubitzsch