Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor
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Cover letter

We would like to submit our corrections according the reviewer’s comments for our article "METHODS OF ESTIMATION OF MITRAL VALVE REGURGITATION FOR THE CARDIAC SURGEON".

The reviewer number 1 is right; the references that appear are not as cited in the text. We corrected this tragic error. We would like to Thanks Dr. Sakellaridis for the comments.

Answer to the reviewer number 2; Dr D. Triggiani has some interesting opinions about mitral valve regurgitation. It seems that he knows very well this issue. We agree with him that our tablets should be restructured. We summarized it a little. Thank you Dr Triggiani.

For the reviewer number 3: we added the guidelines of the AHA 2007 (Ref 2)
We added some of the Bolling’s opinions about LV function and MVR (REF3)
We counselled some usefulness information from the table 2.
We perfectly agree with Dr J. Koullias that intraoperative trans-esophageal ECHO is the major tool for the cardiac surgeon, but we don’t discuss this issue, while we speak mainly about preoperative mitral valve estimation; in the beginning of the operation mitral valve estimation function is obvious. This is of course an interesting argument.
We changed the “mitral and aortic” in “mitral” in the text.
We thank Dr Koullias for the accurate review of our article.

Reviewer number 4. We put our references in the correct order.
We removed some key-words (two): aortic valve regurgitation and estimation of aortic regurgitation. We used only one or two reports about aortic valve disease,
but in these articles we found some interesting data about valve disease, function and comparative issues.
We replaced the two wrong words “injection and transthoracic” with “ejection and transthoracic”.
Thank you Dr A. Christou for your time wasted to correct our article.

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