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Cover letter

Dear Sir/ Madame

We herewith submit for publication in journal of cardiothoracic surgery our review paper entitled: Left ventricular diastolic dysfunction of the cardiac surgery patient; a point of view for the Cardiac Surgeon and Anesthesiologist

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Reviewer1. We added some corrections in the table requested (page 18).
We added some information at the end of the discussion provided in the article (Castella et al) proposed by this reviewer. In this experimental study conducted in pigs was analyzed the role of the endo-epicardium during the post-ischaemic period.
Reviewer 2: thank you for the comments about our review article.
Reviewer 3: we corrected our article according to the Dr Anastasiadis comments. Our article is too extensive because we found information in the literature about this interesting topic not very good known by most physicians. Rearrangement has been made in the paragraphs proposed. Ref. no 46 is reported in the text in page 13-15. We added references in the discussion session according his comments. In the title …actual ‘Trojan horse’...we would like to stress the fact that DI is frequently a pitfall, however we change the title. A simple comprehensive title is now used.

Reviewer 4: we thank the reviewer for good opinion about this article.

Sincerely yours

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