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Dear Editors

We are submitting our revised manuscript entitled “Long-term Result of Hybrid Procedure for an Extensive Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm in Takayasu Arteritis.” for consideration as publication in “The Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery”. Our comments to the Editors as bellow.

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We corrected “from a intercostals artery” to “from intercostal artery”, “aneurismal dilation” to “aneurysm dilatation”, “one-stage” to “single-stage”, “endovascular aortic repair” to “TEVAR”, “EVAR” to “TEVAR”, “interim” to “mid-term”, “interim” to “long-term” and “EVAR” to “TEVAR” in the abstract, case presentation, conclusion and legends section.


Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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