Author's response to reviews

Title: Carinal Surgery: Experience of a single center and review of the current literature

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Answers to the Reviewers

1) Reviewer: DIMITRIOS MIKROULIS
The survival adjustments are done

2) Reviewer: Efstratios Apostolakis
1. The writing style is amended accordingly
2. Follow-up is added on the abstract
3. …5 year survival adjusted accordingly
4. Senior author is VY
5. Every patient was submitted to PET scan
6. CT brain and Bone scan is carried out only if specific symptomatology is present (as per British Thoracic Society guidelines)
7. Changes are made as per suggestion number 7
8. Frozen biopsy was not carried out in those series. Technical details of the resection and tracheobronchial anastomosis have been added to the MS
9. Questionable margins of the resected tumor are either suspected during preoperative biopsies along the Right main bronchus and carina or seen macroscopically during resection
10. Surgical methodology has been elaborated according to the instructions
11. No telescopic technique used
12. Adjustments are made
13. Adjustments are made
14. Adjustments are made
15. 16. 17. 18. The table is changed as per instructions
19. Morbidity and mortality is reported
20. The derived conclusions regarding the 2 patients with N2 disease are
reported
21. Brain protection during SVC surgery is adjusted accordingly
22. Survival, including our own experience has been added
23. We have included the references as per instructions

3) Reviewer: STAVROS SIMINELAKIS
All the changes suggested (including amending table 1 and using mainly references after year 2000) have been implemented in the MS

4) Reviewer: Panagiotis Dedeilias
The MS has been amended as instructed
The discussion is improved and new references are added