Author's response to reviews

Title: Coronary artery bypass surgery in a patient with Kartagener syndrome: a case report and literature review.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

regarding reviewer K. Anastasiadis:

-OPCAB comments are omitted
-cannulation was not performed; particularities depend on the mirror-image of the heart
-no long term results are found in the literature, as most of the published articles are case reports
-identification of the coronary vessels is based on the mirror-image of the heart
-no other author mentioned Kartagener’s syndrome, so we cannot comment on the other cases

Regarding reviewer J. Vazquez-Jimenez:

-reference and abbreviations are added

Regarding reviewer M. Froudarakis:

-situs inversus is written
-patient had azoospermia (it is added to the manuscript)

2nd paragraph is reformed
-COPD is deleted, chronic respiratory disease is written
-abbreviations are added
-discussion is added
-the paragraph is reformed
-dextrocardia is the mirror-image appearance of the heart, which imposes a technical issue to the surgeon. Total situs inversus does not add a technical
difficulty to simple dextrocardia
-conclusion is reformed