Author's response to reviews

Title: Surgical Management of Life Threatening Events caused by Intermittent Aortic Insufficiency in a Native Valve

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Dear Sir or Madam:

It is my pleasure to present the revised version of a case report entitled “Surgical Management of Life Threatening Events caused by Intermittent Aortic Insufficiency in a Native Valve,” which I am submitting for exclusive consideration of publication in the *Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery*.

Peer review of this manuscript raised the question of why, despite the number of unusual semilunar valves seen in cardiovascular surgery, this presentation of severe intermittent aortic insufficiency does not occur in other patients. I have added a paragraph in the discussion section of the case report addressing this question. The new paragraph is on page four of the Microsoft Word document and is highlighted with the “Track Changes” function.

Additionally, the peer reviewer notes that the article is of limited interest. It is true that the case is so unusual that most cardiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons are unlikely to encounter a similar case during their careers. However, we feel that given the frequency of unexplained life threatening events in the infant population, a new explanation of such an event is of great interest to cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiologists, and general pediatricians alike.

Thank you for your consideration of my work.

Sincerely,

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