Author's response to reviews

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Dear Prof. Yonan,

please find below the authors's response to reviews of the manuscript#9245230429352438 (title: "Delayed cardiac tamponade after open heart surgery – is supplemental CT imaging reasonable?")

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Author's response:

1. Following editor’s and referee #3’s comment manuscript title has been changed and reflects on “delayed cardiac tamponade” being analyzed (line 2-3).

2. Patients’ stay at time of suspected tamponade has been added in the results section (line 149-153, comment of referee 1 and 3).

3. Following referee #1’s comments institutional policy of pericardium closure as well as chest drain removal has been added in the method section (line 92-100) and been discussed in the discussion section (line 218-230).
4. Information of circulatory support and respiratory status of patients enrolled is given in the results section (line 160-168) (comment referee #1).

5. Reason for mortality of deceased patients was included (results section, line 200-205 (comment referee #1).

6. Time point of re-intervention and info about cardiopulmonary bypass required have been added (results section, line 190-191 and 194-195) (comment referee #1).

7. Due to significant contribution in echocardiography imaging two co-authors have been added.

8. Layout of table one has been revised.

9. Finally, language revision has been performed (comment referee #1).