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Dear Mr. Vipin,

Thank you for considering our manuscript entitled "Mitral Valve Repair in Patient with Absent Right Superior Vena Cava in Visceroatrial Situs Solitus" for publication in your prestigious journal.

We thank the reviewers for their constructive comments and helpful suggestions, based on which we have rewritten the manuscript, clearly underlining the changes made to the paper. We hope these changes are acceptable.

1. The reviewer pointed out what was the preoperative heart rhythm and did you actually suture the temporary pacing wires onto the surface of the right ventricle? Preoperative echocardiography of this patient showed a sinus rhythm, and we actually suture temporary pacing wires onto the right ventricle. We added these details (Page 4, Line 28, underlined sentence).

2. The reviewer pointed out that perioperative management plans should be written in discussion, not be written in case presentation. We have already discussed more detail about perioperative management in discussion (Page 5, Line 12, underlined sentence), so we think the description about outlines of perioperative management plans in case presentation (Page 4, Line 15, underlined sentence) was reasonable.

3. The reviewer pointed out that description should be written for figure 2. We have already written about figure 2 in page 4, line 22,
underlined sentence. This paper is the first report about both CT findings and intraoperative findings of **Absent Right Superior Vena Cava in Visceroatrial Situs Solitus**. So we think that showing both figure 1 and figure 2 attract the reader's interest.

4. The reviewer pointed out our paper need some language correction before published. We are Japanese, not English speaker, so we have already requested proofreading to Edanz group that you recommended. If correction of language is still needed, we are willing to correct the language by request more proofreading.

We hope that we have answered all the questions and addressed the comments raised by the referees, and that the paper is now acceptable for publication.

Yours sincerely,

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