Author's response to reviews

Title: Airway trauma: a review on epidemiology, mechanisms of injury, diagnosis and treatment

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Dear Editors,

We would like to thank you and the reviewers for reviewing our manuscript entitled “Airway trauma: a review on epidemiology, mechanisms of injury, diagnosis and treatment” which was submitted for consideration for publication in the Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

We have followed the reviewer's remarks and hope that we address their questions adequately as you can see in the attached response.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Efstratios Koletsis, MD, PhD.
According to comments of Reviewer 2: Ioannis Koukis

Minor Essential Revisions: The authors could re check the quality of written
english and the fluency of the manuscript especially in sections Background,
Epidemiology and Conclusions. Otherwise the paper reads well. There also are a
few spelling mistakes.

Done, as requested. We have corrected any language mistakes throughout the
revised manuscript.

According to comments of Reviewer 3: George P Aislaitner

1. It is proposed to note in the abstract and in the text (the first time it appears)
the tracheobronchial injury and then place the initials TBI. In addition at the last
page there is the same Table as in the two previous pages and at the bottom of
the page there is the word Figure 1.

Done, as requested

According to comments of Reviewer 3: Theodoros Karaiskos

1. I would prefer commas also to be included in the abstract. Abbreviations to be
explained in the text at their first time presentation. It is more convenient if I don’t
stop my reading and search what TBI is. I think abstract must not contain
abbreviations and type of writing like and/or, stenosis/obstruction should be
replaced.

Done, as requested