Author’s response to reviews

Title: Left ventricular short-axis systolic function changes in patients with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy detected by two-dimensional speckle tracking imaging

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Dear Dr. Francesca Dickens,

Thank you for your letter. We are very pleased and excited that our manuscript was potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Cardiovascular Disorders. We have revised our manuscript, according to the comments and suggestions of yours, and responded, the comments as listed below. I hope it is acceptable for publication in the journal.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

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1. We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular: "Left ventricular systolic function changes in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy patients detected by the strain of different myocardium layers and longitudinal rotation (2017) BMC Cardiovascular Disorders, https://doi.org/10.1186/s12872-017-0651-x". While we understand that this is work that you have previously published, and some of the same ideas are contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work.

Answer: Thanks to the editor. On Volume 2017,2;17(1):214, we published a manuscript “Left ventricular systolic function changes in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy patients detected by the strain of different myocardium layers and longitudinal rotation” in BMC Cardiovasc Disord. This research was mainly on the longitudinal cardiac systolic function in HCM patients. Longitudinal cardiac systolic function means the long-axis systolic function of the cardiac. However, a normal heart also has the short-axis function. The short-axis function as circumferential and radial is also important like longitudinal function. So, in this study, we mainly assessed the short-axis function in HCM patients. According to the two papers, we have found more accurate information about myocardial function in HCM patients. The ideas in the manuscript are different from the previous.

2. We noticed that you have included the following statement ‘Written informed consent was obtained from the each couple enrolled in the study.’ within the section ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’. Please can you provide clarification regarding what is meant by ‘Couple’.

Answer: Thanks to the editor. We are sorry for our mistake. We have changed ‘Couple’ into ‘people’.

3. Please represent authors' names using their full initials, not their full name, throughout the Authors’ Contributions section. If there are any duplicated initials, please differentiate them to make it clear that the initials refer to separate authors.

Answer: We have used the full initials of the authors in the Authors’ Contributions section. We are sorry for our careless.

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Answer: We have changed Authors' Contributions section like this: Authors' Contributions: HJ, YZN and RYF designed the study and carried out the study, data collection and analysis, HJ wrote and revised the manuscript, RYF and FL revised the manuscript, LC, LJ and FL designed part of the experiments, and collected the HCM patients and normal subjects. HJ and LJ performed the statistical analysis.

5. Please include the email addresses for all authors on the title page. The corresponding author should still be indicated.

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