Author's response to reviews

Title: Evaluation of left atrial volume and function using single-beat real-time three-dimensional echocardiography in atrial fibrillation patients

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Dear editor,

The manuscript (BMIM-D-16-00187R1) entitled "Evaluation of left atrial volume and function using single-beat real-time three-dimensional echocardiography in atrial fibrillation patients" has been further polished. We would like to thank reviewers and editors to carefully review our manuscript. All the comments and suggestions are valuable for us to improve the quality of the manuscript. The point-to-point responses are listed below. Please don’t hesitate to contact us, if there are additional questions.

Sincerely yours,

Ya-ping Sun

Comment 1. Please respond further to reviewer 2's comment 7 by describing how DCG differs from ECG in the manuscript. We also could not understand the following sentence fully so please clarify: "while DCG was recorded the ECG in resting state and in ambulatory state".
Response According to your kind suggestion, we have further described the difference between DCG and ECG, such as “The conventional 12-lead ECG was used for recording the rate and rhythm of heartbeats in the patients in a resting condition, and DCG monitored the electrical activity in the states of resting, activity, working, studying and sleeping for consecutive 24 h. If AF could not be confirmed by ECG, patients were subjected to DCG monitor from 9 o’clock to 9 o’clock on the next day.”. We expected that the description is acceptable now.

Comment 2. Please add the consent to participate statement from the methods to the Ethics approval and consent to participate section of the declarations ("All subjects provided written informed consent before the study").

Response Thanks for your kind suggestion, we have removed the consent to participate statement from the methods to Ethics approval and consent to participate section.

Comment 3. Please include the tables in the main manuscript file rather than uploading them as separate files and place them at the end of the main text after the references.

Response Thanks for your kind suggestion. We have placed the tables at the end of the main text after references.

Comment 4. Thank you very much for providing the certificate of editing to show that the manuscript has undergone professional copy editing. Please remove this file when you re-submit your manuscript as it will not be required going forwards.

Response Thanks for your kind suggestion. We will remove the certificate of editing when re-submit the manuscript.

Comment 5. When you have completed all the requested revisions please upload an entirely clean version of the manuscript with no revisions indicated.

Response Thanks for your kind suggestion. We will upload a manuscript with revision trace and the other manuscript without trace.