Author's response to reviews

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Cover Letter

Dear Editor-in-chief,

On behalf of my co-authors, I submit revised manuscript of the paper entitled ‘Robotic transthoracic esophagectomy’ for publication in your reputed journal.

The queries raised by the editors have been answered and changes made as suggested. The changes are made in the revised manuscript. Revisions and replies to the queries raised are as follows:

**Editorial comment 1.**

Thank you for including an ethics statement in your manuscript. However, we would ask you to please include the full name of the committee that approved your study in this statement.

**Reply:**

The full name of the ethics committee has been added in the revised manuscript (comment D1).

**Editorial comment 2.**

- Please confirm whether informed consent for the use of your use of video footage of their surgery was obtained from the patient featured, and include a statement to this effect in your manuscript.

**Reply:**

Consent was taken from all patients for the use of the video footage of surgery for academic and research purposes. A statement stating the same has been added in the revised manuscript (comment D2).

**Editorial comment 3.**

- Please confirm whether it was necessary to obtain permission for the use of the music featured in your video and from whom. In the event that permission was not necessary, we would still ask you to provide
us with details on the source of the music.

Reply:

The background music was from the personal collection of Mr. Neelesh Sonawane -our in house video editor. A statement of the same has been added in the revised manuscript(comment D3).

I confirm the fact that all authors listed for this work have read the manuscript and is approved by all authors. The authors have no conflicts of interest to declare. I also state it is being submitted only to your journal for publication.

I hope the above replies and revisions are satisfactory.

I understand that corresponding author is the sole contact for the editorial process, including communication to other authors, submission of revisions and final approval of proofs.

Regards,

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