Author's response to reviews

Title: Robotic transthoracic esophagectomy

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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 a consent statement in your manuscript. However, we still feel that this does not specifically detail that the patient included in your video provided specific consent for publication of the case. Could we therefore ask you to confirm whether this consent was obtained, and to include a statement detailing this in your manuscript. Please note that we reserve the right to request proof of this consent to publish at any point.

**Reply:**

I would like to confirm that a detailed written consent was taken from the patient for use of the operative procedure video footage for academic, research and video publications. A statement has been included in the revised manuscript (comment [D1]).

**Editorial comment 2.**

Please remove the legends from the uploaded figures and include them in a dedicated figure legends section in your manuscript instead.

**Reply:**

The legends have added in a separate dedicated section as requested –comment [D2] in the revised manuscript.

**Editorial comment 3.**
- Please kindly include the contributions of the each author in the author’s contribution section.

**Reply:**

The detailed contribution of each author has been added in the revised manuscript (comment [D3]).

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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