Author's response to reviews

Title: Clinical Significance of Left Atrial Volume in Clinical Outcomes of Heart Transplant Recipients

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RE: Response to the reviewer (manuscript# 1207682674153846)

Dear Mr. Zamver and Professor Taggart:

Our revised manuscript entitled “Clinical significance of left atrial volume in clinical outcomes of heart transplant recipients.” is enclosed. We have appreciated the reviewer’s comments. Due to the revision, our manuscript has improved and we hope that our manuscript is now ready for publication. All changes have been highlighted yellow in the revised manuscript. Our specific responses to the reviewer to follow.

Response to the reviewer:
The reviewer mentioned that our study is important to those closely related to our research and we appreciate that comment.

The reviewer thought that we could not simply conclude that there is no relationship between exercise capacity and clinical correlations between LAV and clinical outcome as the authors stated: “Our results implicate that this relationship is not applicable to HT population…” (page 8 line 19).

Response: We agree the comment. This part was revised to reflect the reviewer’s comment in lines 19-22 on page 8 and lines 1-3 on page9.

The reviewer commented on a concern on the time to first hospitalization analysis.


The reviewer commented, “The presented figures are completely blurred and unreadable.”

Response: We apologize this problem which resulted from our electronic uploading process. The original figures are clear and fitted in the journal requirement. We carefully uploaded these figures not to see the same problem at this revision.
We appreciate your consideration of our article for publication in *Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery*.

Sincerely,

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