Author’s response to reviews

Title: Comparison of modified MAZE with minimally invasive monopolar ablation and traditional bipolar radiofrequency ablation in the treatment of atrial fibrillation

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To reviewer #1:

We followed these patients again and the ECG and SF-36 results were extended to 12 months.

The type of atrial fibrillation encountered by the patients has been described in Table 1.

The surgery methods in which patients were chose were proceduralist choice.

To reviewer #2:

During mi-MAZE surgery, it's hard to perform right atrial MAZE because minimally invasive surgery is difficult to expose the right atrium. And left atrial MAZE is allowed in MAZE procedures. (《CARDIAC SURGERY IN THE ADULT》 by Lawrence H.Cohn)

More patients(42 mi-MAZE patients vs 65 os-MAZE patients) were included because we have collected patients in another cardiac surgery ward and the surgery date was from January 1, 2014 to May 31, 2018.

Circumferential ablation at coronary sinus has been done in the surgery. One of the ablation path is from mitral annulus to coronary sinus ostium.