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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the reviewer comments regarding our *invited* manuscript titled, "Diagnostic and Treatment Utility of Echocardiography in the Management of the Cardiac Patient" (MS# 54463) written by Ariella Khalili, Jennifer Drummond, Neiman Ramjattan, Roman Zeltser and Amgad N Makaryus. We have revised the manuscript according to the suggestions (please see the outline of revisions below). We believe that this revision has improved this manuscript substantially, and hope that it will be received in a favorable manner.

All authors listed on the manuscript have contributed sufficiently to the project to be included as authors, and have read and approved the manuscript. This work has not been previously published, and is not currently under review elsewhere. There are no conflicts of interest with regard to this paper to any of the authors. Please address any correspondence to me at the address below. Should you need to contact me by telephone, my work telephone number is 516-296-4983. My fax number is 516-572-3172.

LIST OF REVISIONS AND RESPONSES in bold/italic (highlighted in yellow in paper):

1. **Reviewer ID 03722492:** The paper is interesting and well written although the number of subjects analyzed is too small and the information delivered not so original.
Thank you for your comments on our paper.
2. **Reviewer ID 02664735:** This is a study which used a dedicated survey to evaluate the physician perceived impact of echocardiography on patient management. The study is well-written and well designed with valid conclusions. I have no further comments
We thank you for your insightful comments on the manuscript.
3. **Reviewer ID 02634593:** In this manuscript, the authors evaluated the physician perceived impact echocardiography has on patient management. They found that majority of physicians surveyed reported the echocardiogram had only a mild effect on management with only 27.5% reporting a significant effect. The majority of physicians (83.3%) perceived an echocardiogram to be somewhat or entirely essential for management. Only 9.8% reported the echo led to further imaging. My comments are as follows: 1) It was an interesting and highly scientific study. 2) References should be re-written according to the Journal's style.
Thank you for your comments and input. The appropriate reference style changes have been made accordingly.

Many thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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