

Reply to reviewers

Authors Response:

Many thanks for the kind reviews of all of the reviewers.

We have since corrected the grammatical errors for the final copy of the manuscript.

Reply to editor

1) Copyright agreement – These should have been filled by all authors.

2) Please provide the decomposable figure of figures, whose parts are all movable and editable, organize them into a PowerPoint file, and submit as "Manuscript No. -Figures.ppt" on the system, we need to edit the words in the figures.

Author- These have been changed to editable forms

3) The author's contribution should consist of some sentences

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Authors – These are now submitted as a PPT file and the changes to the word document have been made.

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Authors – The formatting of the references have been changed. There are also <5 references in the same citation box.

6. There are some repetitive documents, see the attached picture 1.

Authors – This was missed by endnote and has since been corrected

7. It is unacceptable to have more than 3 references from the same journal

- Given the nature of the manuscript and the sheer volume of data, we have had to quote several papers from the following journals

1) Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation (36 references)

2) American Journal of Physiology (5 references)

3) Am J Respir Crit Care Med (27 references)

4) American Journal of Transplantation (12 references)

5) Annals of Thoracic Surgery (22 references)

6) European Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery (9 References)

7) JTCVS (19 references)

8) Lancet (5 references)

9) NEJM (5 references)

10) Transplantation (7 references)

As you may appreciate all of the above journals are amongst the highest impact factor journals within the field of cardiothoracic surgery, transplantation, respiratory medicine and/or general medicine which makes excluding them difficult as a lot of the major papers within the field of lung transplantation are usually published in these journals.