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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 17391-review.doc).

Title: Cardiac involvement in Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy

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Response to reviewers' comments.

We thank the reviewers for their constructive comments.

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Please find highlighted all changes suggested by the reviewers in R1 version

Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer (1)

Page 4, First para

The incidence of BMD is 1 in 18,450 males and prevalence 2.4 per 100,000 in the general population (2, 3).

2. We toned down the last phrase about avoiding the complications and we changed everything, according to reviewers' suggestions

Abstract page 2

"A combined approach using clinical assessment and CMR evaluation may motivate early cardioprotective treatment in both patients and asymptomatic carriers and delay the development of serious cardiac complications".

Page 5, 2nd para.

Cardiac disease in DMD is progressive and finally leads to ventricular dysfunction, usually accompanied by ventricular dilation (12).

Page 8, 2nd para.

in mutation carriers, CMR revealed a pattern of fibrosis similar to that observed in DMD (38), but without any correlation with genotype-phenotype (45), even in the absence of overt muscular disease;

Page 9, 2nd para.

Early detection of heart involvement should motivate early cardiac treatment with ACE inhibitors and b-blockers to delay serious cardiac complications

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Cardiology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sophie Mavrogeni', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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