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Dear Editors-in Chief, dear Xiu-Xia Song,

Please find enclosed our completely revised version of our invited manuscript  
(ID 03494764) (manuscript number 28760)

“Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion – a Better Alternative to anticoagulation?”

to be considered for publication in *World Journal of Cardiology*.

We have addressed all comments by Reviewers. With profound and careful editing we hope to be accept for publication.

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**Comments to Reviewer 1:**

Reviewer 1 recommends accepting the manuscript without any revision. The minor language polishing was performed.

**Comments to Reviewer 2:**

Reviewer has got some comments

Ad 1. We provided adequate definition and reference in our revised manuscript

Ad 2. We have clarified in our revised version that the left atrial appendage occluder should only be applied to patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation

Ad 3. To date, there are no clear studies addressing these issues. However, some small analysis revealed good results in octogenerian. Other have shown that there are differences in remodelling as well as adiponectin levels resulting in different degree of blood stasis in native left atrial appendage. We have discussed these points in the discussion.

Ad 4. A table was added.