

RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 38439-Revised Manuscript).

Title: "Novel approaches for the treatment of ventricular tachycardia"

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Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript for possible publication in your distinguished journal. All Editorial and Reviewers' comments and recommendations have been addressed. In order to facilitate editing, all changes have been highlighted and underlined in red in the revised manuscript. Furthermore, all reviewers' comments have been inserted in italics in our detailed response to reviewers, along with our change. We hope that this revision will satisfy the high standards of your distinguished journal. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should any problems occur. We are looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest possible convenience.

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

Editorial Office

Thank you very much for the revision of our manuscript.

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2. Please provide all authors abbreviation names and manuscript title here. The abbreviation names should be the same as the copyright.

Done. The names and title have been added and highlighted in red in the text.

Reviewer #02634794

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript. We strongly believe that your comments have added up greatly to the article.

1. Authors should firstly discuss failure rate of endocardial ablation in patients with and without structural heart disease. Then they should continue with epicardial catheter ablation.

Done. The changes have been added and highlighted in red in the text (first paragraph of epicardial catheter ablation section). Two references discussing success rates have been added and highlighted in red in the references section (Number 6 and 7).

2. Authors should indicate that percutaneous access may not be possible in patients with previous heart surgery or epicardial ablation attempt. In this scenario, video-assisted thoracoscopy may be a good and minimal invasive alternative to open surgery. (Aksu T, et al. Europace. 2015 Jul;17(7):1116. Successful ablation of an epicardial ventricular tachycardia by video-assisted thoracoscopy).

Done. The changes have been added and highlighted in red in the text (second paragraph of epicardial catheter ablation section). The reference has been added and highlighted in red in the references section (Number 12).

3. Authors should add some figures demonstrating usage of different approaches. They may get permission from the other authors, if they do not enough figures.

The figures have been added. Figure legends have also been added and highlighted in red in the revised manuscript.

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Sincerely yours,

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