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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written revision of the state-of-the art in Surgical Management of Atrial Fibrillation. I have just a few comments: -A figure describing the hybrid approach would be useful for the readership (general cardiologist not involved on electrophysiology) -A general statement over the general efficacy of these procedures, particularly the hybrid approach, would also be appreciated, like say "maintenance of sinus rhythm of 70% at 1 year with or without antiarrhythmic drugs" or whatever, although as the authors recognize in the limitation section there were high variability inter-studies

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A comprehensive and well-written review of surgical management of atrial fibrillation. In the opinion of this reviewer the quality of the manuscript will be further enhanced if the authors address the following issues. Major Revision Please include a Table summarizing key studies with their outcomes for various surgical approaches to treat atrial fibrillation. Minor Revision Please ensure that references follow the guidelines for authors. Please change "medial sternotomy" to "median sternotomy" on Page 4 under subheading Cox-Maze III.