Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 17350 review.doc).

Title: A new skin closure system facilitates wound healing after Cardiovascular Implantable Electronic Device surgery

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of Reviewers and Editor:

1. Format has been updated

2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers. Modified parts of the manuscript have been underlined.

Reviewer 02638028
"The specific situation when this device is considered to be more appropriate more than other existing devices should be described. Is there any data about what percentage this new device lowers the risk of infection?". The benefits (including the potential for decrease in surgical site infections) make it attractive and worth considering for skin closure in device patients, particularly those at increased risk of complications and delayed healing of the wound (patients with heart failure, diabetes, renal insufficiency, cancer, immunodeficiencies, long-term corticosteroid use, high bleeding risk, longer and more complex procedures). There are not still data about what percentage this new device will reduce the incidence of SSI and future studies will be needed to address this issue.

Reviewer 00227547
"A reference to figure 1 should be given". Done

Reviewer 02633437
"The photograph in the second case is not in focus". Yes but unfortunately we do not have another one. "In the second case did you add any other treatment to wound department?". No we did not,

we used only Zipline. "How do you select patients for this expensive device use?". We decide on a case-to-case basis and we consider Zipline in those at increased risk of complications and delayed healing of the wound (patients with heart failure, diabetes, renal insufficiency, cancer, immunodeficiencies, long-term corticosteroid use, high bleeding risk, longer and more complex procedures).

Reviewer 00236103
"Conclusion: rejection". We have no specific comment to do.

Reviewer 00227355
"I have a few comments to make. 1) It might be better to add the other cases using a new skin closure system". Up to now we have treated with Zipline only the two patients described in this report. "2) How about the long-term clinical course in these cases". At 6 months follow up both patient had an uneventful clinical course with complete wound healing.

Reviewer 02633299
"This is a novel device, therefore this paper should be published". We fully agree

3. UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE AN AUDIO FILE DESCRIBING THE CORE TIP OF THE MANUSCRIPT.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *WJCC*

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