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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: AF CA cryo WJC 2508 R 19.5.2013).

Title: Catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation: radiofrequency catheter ablation for redo procedures after cryoablation

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) 00225361: no changes required

(2) 00227676: no changes required

(3) 00227547: 1.) We have already acknowledged in the limitations section that the study cohort is of

moderate size. However, there is few data about how to approach redo procedures after primary

pulmonary vein isolation with the cryoballoon technique. Furthermore, follow-up was meticulous

in our study (including repetitive 7-day Holter monitoring) and all patients underwent the final

evaluation 2 years after the redo ablation procedure. Therefore, this study provides very reliable

information about the long-term outcome of this patient cohort.

2.) see manuscript: page 7

3.) see manuscript: page 12

4.) see manuscript: page 23

(4) 00227351: We have already acknowledged in the limitations section that the study cohort is of

moderate size. Obviously, a statistical analysis should be interpreted with caution in a study

population of this size.

However, we have performed such a statistical analysis in order to evaluate whether there were

substantial differences between the two study groups.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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