

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13943-review.doc).

**Title:** Watchman® Left Atrial Appendage Closure: Technical Aspects and Prevention of Periprocedural Complications

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

1 Format has been updated. The core tip was summarized under the condensed abstract, therefore the heading "condensed abstract" was removed.

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

(1) 01483111: According to the suggestion of the reviewer, on page 9 procedural follow up and medical treatment to avoid complications was added, which describes in detail the follow up management of implanted patients up to 6 months after implantation including routine medical treatment as well as alternatives. The discussion about current accepted indications for the device treatment was added in the conclusion part (page 15) according to an actual expert consensus statement in Europe.

(2) 00227548 The reviewer did not make any suggestions, the only comment was "This is a well-written review."

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Sick'.

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