

Dear Reviewers, dear Colleagues, thank you for your accurate reviews.

I'll reply to your points:

1-The title was modified, the words "review of updated literature after 2020" were added.

2- The "laboratory and pathological studies" part was added too, discussing especially PNI and cfDNA, including some more information about the possible role of SEMS as BTS in worsening long-term outcome.

3- A summary timeline was added at the end of the article.

4-We have already used the RCA in the first article's version and in the revision time too. We have used "bridge to surgery" as keyword and "impact index per article" according to guidelines instructions. We added the latest cutting-edge research results, focalising in articles and studies published after 2020 (some of the new cited authors: Kuwai et al., Dolan et al., Tan et al., etc). So, we improved the content of the manuscript, especially in short-term and long-term outcomes, the most discussing points in the last years.