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To: Editor-in-Chief,

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Dear Sir;

I am sending you a manuscript (original article) entitled: Incidence and impact on prognosis of heart failure in Middle Eastern patients undergoing percutaneous coronary interventions.

The study analyses data from the recently completed First Jordanian Percutaneous Coronary Intervention registry (JoPCR1) which is a multicenter study that prospectively evaluated several important issues in a large Middle Eastern patient population who underwent percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) in 12 centers in Jordan. The study was presented in abstract forms at many international congresses in 2015 including European Society of Cardiology Congress (London), European Percutaneous Coronary Revascularization (Paris), Asia Pacific Society of Cardiology Congress (Abu Dhabi), Cardio Alex (Alexandria), International CAD Conference (Florence), and American Heart Association Scientific Sessions (Orlando). Data on heart failure have not been presented in any conference and 4 publications from the registry were not related to heart failure.

The manuscript we send you today evaluates a serious complication of PCI: heart failure. This issue has not been extensively examined by any other group in this region, where cardiovascular disease id the leading cause of death, and affects younger age groups compared with the west. In this manuscript we examine the incidence of HF, clinical and angiographic features of patients who develop HF compared with those who do not, and the short-term (during hospitalization) and long-term (one year) outcome in these patients.

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