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Dear Dr. Fang-Fang Ji

Science Editor

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Re: 26292

Thank you for your thoughtful comments (received on May 17, 2016) regarding our manuscript entitled, "Appropriate Use Criteria for Percutaneous Coronary Intervention in Japan". We have revised our manuscript in order to address the reviewers' comments.

We believe that these changes have substantially improved the quality of our manuscript. We hope that the manuscript, in its present form, will be received in a favorable manner.

Please do let us know if there is anything more we can do to further this goal.

Sincerely yours,

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## **Response to the Reviewer #00227538's Comments**

**Although current review is a very well-designed and presented paper there are some minor issues needing to be further clarified.**

### **1. Abstract should be more striking.**

We appreciate the thoughtful comment from the reviewer.

In response to the reviewer's suggestion, we have added the following sentence in the last part of the Abstract section.

Understanding the concept of AUC as well as its perception gap between different countries will result in the broader implementation of AUC, and lead to the quality improvement of patients' care.

### **2. Clinical Implications should be given.**

As suggested by the reviewer, we have added the following sentence in the last part of the Introduction section.

This minireview will aid in the broader implementation of the concept of AUC in various countries outside of the US, and will lead to improve the quality of care, especially patients' selection, in PCI.

Reviewer #00505149:

**The review summarizes the concept of AUC for percutaneous coronary revascularization. The review will help us to understand the major difference of AUC between Japan and USA, and clarify the appropriate rating of PCI indications in Japan based on the current UA-derived AUC.**

We would like to thank the reviewer for his/her words of praise regarding our manuscript. No changes were suggested based on the aforementioned comments.