

*Conflict-of-interest:* The authors declare no conflict of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Tacke

Frank Tacke, M.D., PhD

Department of Medicine III, RWTH-University Hospital Aachen

Pauwelsstrasse 30, 52074 Aachen, Germany

Phone: -49-241-80-35848, Fax: -49-241-80-82455

Email: frank.tacke@gmx.net