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To the Editor:

Our study titled “**BMP-4 and TGF- β 1 Mechanisms in Acute Valvular Response to Supra-Physiologic Hemodynamic Stresses**” submitted to the World Journal of Cardiology (ESPS Manuscript NO: 16511) was conducted on porcine valve leaflets obtained from a local abattoir.

Therefore, we (the authors) attest that no human or animal subjects were used in our experiments. As a result, the study did not require:

- ethics approval
- approval from the institutional animal care and use committee
- animal care and use statement

Sincerely,

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