

Dear Professor Moreno,

Editor-in-Chief, World Journal of Cardiology

Dear Su-Xin Gou,

Science Editor, Editorial Office

Many thanks for your kind comments regarding our article entitled:
“From the epicardial adipose tissue to vulnerable coronary plaques”,
submitted to *The World Journal of Cardiology*.

We believe that the paper has been substantially improved by the suggestions made by the reviewers. Please find attached a rebuttal letter answering the questions raised by the reviewers and specifying the modifications made in the manuscript.

We hope that this new version of the manuscript will merit publication in the Journal. We remain open to further changes if deemed required.

Looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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Reviewer's comments

This is an excellent comprehensive article on the topic. The data provided are hypothesis generating. Whether or not EAT will have incremental predictive value over established cardiovascular risk factors needs to be investigated. At this time, EAT measurement should be used only in research studies and not in clinical practice.

Thank you very much for your kind comments. We also believe that EAT should only be measured for research at the present time and this has been stressed in the corrected version of the manuscript (page 8, bottom paragraph).

This is a very-well written and interesting review that merits publication in the WJC

Thank you very much for your encouraging comment.

Minor correction: on page 6, section anatomy and physiology of EAT: line 4: from instead of form.

Thank you for your correction that has been attended in the revised manuscript.

