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To whom it may concern:

The current manuscript entitled “*Delineation of Epicardial Stenosis in Patients with Microvascular Disease Using Pressure Drop Coefficient: A Pilot Outcome Study*” is a follow-up study to our previous manuscript that was published in World Journal of Cardiology (Reference: Effat MA, Peelukhana SV, Banerjee RK. Clinical outcomes of combined flow-pressure drop measurements using newly developed diagnostic endpoint: Pressure drop coefficient in patients with coronary artery dysfunction. World J Cardiol., 2016;8(3):283-292.)

The current manuscript reports analysis of diabetic/microvascular disease patient subgroup of the total patient population data/analyses that was reported in our previous published paper (referred above). The methods used for statistical analysis remain the same for both the papers.

Additionally, the authors have significant prior experience in biostatistics and the statistical methods used in this paper as indicated in the manuscript.

The statistical method has also been reviewed by Professor Marepalli Rao from the Center for Biostatistical Services, a Core Facility of the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rupak K. Banerjee'.

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