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SUBMISSION OF A MANUSCRIPT FOR EVALUATION

Dear Editor (s),

I am enclosing herewith a manuscript entitled “The Relationship between Mitral annular systolic velocity and Ejection Fraction in Patients with Preserved Global Systolic Function of the Left Ventricle” for publication in “BMC Cardiovascular Disorders” for possible evaluation. With the submission of this manuscript I would like to declare that the above mentioned manuscript has not been published elsewhere or accepted for publication elsewhere.

For the Editors, I would like to disclose the following information:

*The submitted manuscript is a research article. The research project was reviewed by the Hospital ethics review committee and the study protocol was approved by the local Ethics Committee of the Military Medical Academy Sofia. All participants agreed and signed the informed consent form of the study.*

This research project was conducted from January 2009 to August 2011 and was neither partially nor fully sponsored by any commercial entity.

From the same project I have published one abstract. (Heart Failure Congress 2010 /Berlin/Germany)

Similar articles I have already published are as follow:

1. Ivaylo Rilkov Daskalov, Plamen Dimitrov Petrovsky, Lilia Davidkova Demirevska. Mitral annular systolic velocity as a marker of preclinical systolic dysfunction among patients with arterial hypertension. *Cardiovascular Ultrasound* 2012, 10:46


The main findings of this research work are not unique in their nature but I think are important in clinical practice. The prediction of EF by Sm(avg) of the mitral annulus is a simple method, not time consuming, with high accuracy and reproducibility. The relationship between EF and Sm(avg) can be assessed by equation and/or Sm/cut-point. The choice depends on the individual preferences of the investigator and/or clinical circumstances.

Thank you for considering this submitted manuscript for publication in the “BMC Cardiovascular Disorders”.

Kind regards,

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