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Dear Editors,

We thank you again for valuable comments concerning our manuscript and allowing us to resubmit the revised version. We have made changes to our manuscript according to reviewers’ comments.

Thank you for your time and looking forward hearing from you.

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Yours Sincerely

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The followings are only minor comments:-

In submitted pdf page 6, line 9 (Data acquisition), “in median 45 years” – probably better just to say “median age = 45 years”. Also what do the authors meant by “in median 1 out of 5” in the next sentence?

Corrected as follows:

“Patients examined with neither angiography nor SPECT (n=37, 43%) were relatively young (median age = 45 years), had only few CAD risk factors (the median number of risk factors was 1 out of 5 [dyslipidemia, hypertension, diabetes, smoking, family], interquartile range 0 - 1) and evident nonischemic etiology for symptoms.”

In Table 2 and 3, the fonts are still both in Times Romans and Calibri

Both tables are now completely in Times New Roman.