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Dear Gilbert Taebobo
Journal Editorial Office

Thank you very much for your comments on submitted article “Stable phase post-MI patients have elevated VEGF levels correlated with inflammation markers, but not with atherosclerotic burden”.

Description of the changes made:

1. **In the title page**, all information (names, institutions, countries, emails of all authors, corresponding author…) were included already in the first version, so I have not changed anything. Please note me if I need to change anything.

2. **Name of the ethics committee**; In the section patients and methods, study population, the last paragraph, there is a statement: “The study protocol conformed to the ethical guidelines of the 1975 Declaration of Helsinki, and was approved by the State Ethics Committee of Slovenia.” We added “Slovenia”. Please note if I need to move or change this statement.

3. **Acknowledgments**; **were added on the end of the article**: ”The Slovenian Ministry of Science and Technology supported the study, through grant No. 3311-01-831/463”

4. **We made changes in the section Contributions**; The following text was added: “Miso S participated in the study design”…. 

We hope that our article now fulfills all the criteria.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any more comments.

Yours sincerely,
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