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Title: Secondhand smoke exposure toxicity accelerates age-related cardiac disease in old hamsters

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Dear Editor in Chief:

I would like to submit the attached manuscript titled “Secondhand smoke exposure toxicity accelerates age-related cardiac disease in old hamsters” for considering publication in the “BMC-Cardiovascular Disorders”.

The manuscript focuses on the detrimental effects of second hand smoking on aging using hamster animal models. Although second hand smoking is known to be associated with pathological hypertrophy, other effects on aging related cardiac disorders are known yet. Here we show that second hand smoking causes concentric left ventricular hypertrophy in young hamsters but eccentric hypertrophy in aging animals. All the experiments were done in accordance with the principles of laboratory animal care and were approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB), Animal care and use committee of the China Medical University, Taichung, Taiwan (ROC).

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Sincerely yours,

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Point-By-Point Response

Comment
Please clarify in a cover letter and in the manuscript whether the project received explicit ethical approval from a university ethics committee.

Response
Appropriate changes were made in the cover letter and the manuscript accordingly.

Thank You