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Dear Editor

Thank You for the e-mail regarding the manuscript No. 6011009829142429, entitled “One Year Follow-up of Patients with Refractory Angina Pectoris Treated with Enhanced External Counterpulsation” by Pettersson et al., for publication as an original article in BMC Cardiovascular Disorders.

We are pleased to hear that two of the referees find our manuscript acceptable for publication in BMC Cardiovascular Disorders. Referee three wanted us to change and rewrite the “limitation of the study”. We agree with the referee’s concerns and have made all the changes that the referee suggested.

Below are the changes made in the manuscript, in the “limitation of the study” that have been performed following the referee’s suggestions.

1. The present study is a follow-up report that does not include a control group, therefore a possible placebo effect can not be excluded. The improvement in CCS class could in such a case be a result of special attention of the patients during the follow-up and also statistically regression towards mean.

We hope that the manuscript can now be accepted for publication in BMC Cardiovascular Disorders.

Yours sincerely,

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