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Dear Editor,

thank You for the review of the above-cited manuscript. We appreciate the comments that helped us to improve our manuscript. Below You will find the changes of manuscript according to the reviewers’ suggestions.

In addition the manuscript was edited by a native speaker and corrected by an editing service. We would now like to resubmit the above-cited manuscript for publication in BMC Cardiovascular Disorders.

Reviewer 1:
1: As mentioned above the manuscript was edited by a native speaker and corrected by an editing service.

Reviewer 2:
1: “form” was corrected in the abstract.

2: ”significant” was changed to “significantly”.

3: “respectively” was inserted.

4: “posses” was corrected.

5: “events rates” was corrected.

6: Patients were contacted eight years after the examination. This is now given in the methods section. 4 years after the examination we contacted the patients for an interims analysis to obtain patient’s medical records in case of clinical endpoints and to update the patients’ personal data.
7: This refers to the echocardiographic examination and stress ecg, which were performed as part of the preventive medical examination on study entry. Patients were only included in the study, if these examinations showed regular findings. This is given in the results section, page 5.


Reviewer 3:
No further suggestions.

We hope the changes meet the reviewers’ requirements and would like to resubmit the above-cited manuscript.

All coauthors have seen and agreed to the content of the revised manuscript.

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