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Dear Executive Editor,

We are pleased to submit our manuscript entitled ‘Effect of statin use on outcome of symptomatic cholelithiasis: a case-control study’ that we would like you to consider for publication as an original article. Symptomatic gallstones are one of the leading causes of inpatient admissions in general surgery and cholesterol-lowering statin medications are common. A lower incidence of cholecystectomy was before reported in patients taking statins but there are no studies of the effect of statin therapy on the course and outcome of cholecystectomy operation. Someone may think that patients using statin do have worse outcomes after cholecystectomy, since they have more comorbidities, but here we show that this is not so.

This full article has not been previously published nor is it currently submitted for consideration for publication elsewhere.

Yours sincerely

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