Author's response to reviews

Title: Primary Congenital Anomalies of the Coronary Arteries and Relation to Atherosclerosis: An angiographic study in Lebanon

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Subject: Submission of Revised manuscript

Date: October 10, 2009

Dear Sirs,

I would like to resubmit the attached, now revised, manuscript entitled "Primary Congenital Anomalies of the Coronary Arteries and Relation to Atherosclerosis: An angiographic study" to the “Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery”.

We would like to thank both reviewers for their constructive critique of our manuscript. Please find below our answers to both reviewers. To make it easier for the editor and the reviewers, we are responding to each reviewer in a point-by-point fashion.

**Answers to Reviewer 1, Dr. N. J:**

We thank the reviewer for his sharpness and constructive criticism.

1. We have reworked the numbers and corrected the incorrect ones, taking into consideration the decimal places in all the numbers.

2. We have corrected the format as directed.

3. We have rewritten and clarified the results section in the abstract.

4. We incorporated the definition of primary coronary anomaly as instructed by the reviewer.

5. We have refrained from ascertaining that the stenosis was atherosclerotic, and discussed that under the discussion section, as directed by the reviewer.

6. We also discussed other non-invasive approaches as directed by the reviewer.

**Answers to Reviewer 2, Dr. P.K:**

We thank the reviewer for his constructive criticism and for taking the time to direct us to some interesting articles.

1,2,3 and 4: done as directed by the reviewer.

5. We incorporated the numbers and elaborated on the clarification of the different vessel groups included in the study.

6. We reported the results in regard to whether arteries other than the anomalous ones exhibited stenosis. We thank the reviewer for directing our attention to the study he mentioned. We have cited all the references he requested as well.
7. We have discussed the findings of stenosis is normal versus anomalous vessels as directed by the reviewer. We are indeed indebted to the reviewer for all his comments.

Many Thanks,

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