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Title: Extended vareniclinina treatment in a serious cardiopathic smoker: a case report

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Dear Editor,

You find enclosed our manuscript, “Extended varenicline treatment in a serious cardiopathic smoker: a case report” by Elena Munarini et al., which we would like to submit for publication as a case report in Journal of Medical Case Reports.

To our knowledge, this is the first report showing an extended use of varenicline, a smoking cessation drug, to nine months in a cardiopathic smoker: all the existing studies concern maximum six months of treatment in the general population and three months among heart patients.

We believe our findings would appeal to the readership of Journal of Medical Case Reports. Quitting smoking in cardiovascular patients is fundamental but often these patients are solely suggested to stop smoking rather than helped to do it; this report may encourage cardiologists, but also clinicians of a large number of medical area, to avoid fear from any varenicline cardiovascular side effects and to strongly promote smoking cessation in these patients.

We confirm that this manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal. All authors have approved the manuscript and agree with its submission to Journal of Medical Case Reports.

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