

Reply to the "Letter to the Editor" :

Replay to Dr. Xu

We Sincerely thank Dr. Xu for his valuable comment on our paper (1) and we agree with Dr. Xu and colleagues that research and control group were not matched on type of surgery however there was no statistical difference between the two groups in diuretics administration supposing the same amount of patients with heart failure in the two groups (but different numbers of circulating EPC between CAD and no CAD) moreover the differences in terms of b-blockers and ACE inhibitors were in favour of CAD3 group. Regarding the second consideration; we completely agree with Dr. Xu that LDL level is a risk factors for CAD therefore we believe that lower level of LDL in CAD group is certainly due to small simple size. We would like to thank you Dr. Xu because we believe that his consideration add important point to our paper and hope this will further encourage the cardiology community to investigate the relationship between CAD and EPC in Ischemic heart disease patients in a large sample size in order to confirm (or not) our result and reducing bias.