Autopsy and Medicine in Saudi Arabia

To the Editor: Doctor Sohaibani, in his above titled editorial in the *Annals of Saudi Medicine* 1993;13:213-4, states, "In Islam, organ removal or disfigurement of the dead is forbidden." I believe it is incorrect to say removal of organs is forbidden in Islam. If this were so, then cadaveric organ donation would not exist in Muslim countries.

Islam has always encouraged acquisition of knowledge; therefore, removal of organs for study is not against Islam.

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