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New Cardiovascular Horizons 2004

October 14–16—New Orleans, Louisiana (USA)

Information: New Cardiovascular Horizons, P.O. Box 52767, Lafayette, LA 70505-2767, USA; telephone (337) 261-0944; fax (337) 572-9778; e-mail: conference@newcvhorizons.com; www.newcvhorizons.com

The 21st Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Hypertension

October 15–19—Fukuoka, Japan

Information: Congress Corporation, 3-6-13, Awajimachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka 541-0047, Japan, fax +81 6 6229 2556; e-mail ish2006@congre.co.jp

European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Acute Cardiac Care

October 17–20—Rome, Italy

Information: ESCWGACC2004 Secretariat, POB 574, Jerusalem, Israel, telephone +972 2 6520574; fax 972 2 6520558, e-mail meeting@isas.co.il

XV International Symposium on Drugs Affecting Lipid Metabolism

October 24–27—Venice, Italy

Information: DALM 2004, Fondazione Giovanni Lorenzini Medical Science Foundation, Via A. Appiani, 7-20121 Milan, Italy, telephone +39 02 29007018

American Heart Association Scientific Sessions 2004

November 7–10—New Orleans, Louisiana (USA)

Information: AHA Official Convention Coordinator/Expo Exchange, 108 Wilmot Rd., P.O. Box 825, Deerfield, Ill 60015-0825, USA; telephone (US) (800) 650-6839 or (other) (847) 940-2155; fax (US) (800) 521-6017 or (other) (847) 940-2386; www.scientificsessions.com

3rd International Congress on Cardiovascular Diseases

November 25–27—Taipei, Taiwan

Information: Congress Secretariat, Taiwan Society of Cardiology, 7F, No. 27, Min-Chuan West Road, Taipei 104, Taiwan, R.O.C., telephone +886 2 25976177 9; fax 886 2 25976180, e-mail tsoc@tsoc.org.tw

2005

9th Annual Meeting of the Egyptian Society of Atherosclerosis

January 12–14—Cairo, Egypt

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Letters to the Editor

Assessment of Aortic Stenosis Severity

C. R. CONTI: *Clin Cardiol* 2004;27:437–438

To the Editor:

Dr. Conti addressed a number of important issues relative to the accurate and clinically meaningful determination of the severity of aortic valvular stenosis in the August Editor's Note. He reminded practicing cardiologists that careful attention to measurement detail and the clinical circumstances (rhythm, heart rate, cardiac output) prevailing at the time are key to making correct assessments.

The abbreviated formula for estimating the valve area by Hakki and colleagues (1981), though, would be: aortic valve area is approximately equal to cardiac output (in l/min) **divided** (not multiplied) by the square root of the transaortic valve gradient (in mmHg) [see erratum, this page].

It was also proposed in the next paragraph that, "Regardless of which formula is used, two of the key components are cardiac output and heart rate." Certainly the heart rate is important as it affects the cardiac output and stroke volume but the heart rate, per se, is not a determinant (or factor) in the abbreviated Hakki formula.

I appreciate Dr. Conti's discussions and opinions of relevant cardiological issues and thought *Clinical Cardiology* might want to clarify these details of assessment of severity of aortic stenosis.

Jeff Z. Brooker, M.D.
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Errata

Assessment of Aortic Stenosis Severity

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The formula of Hakki *et al.* given in the paper (page 437, paragraph 3) should be as follows: aortic valve area is determined by dividing [not multiplying] the cardiac output by the square root of the aortic valve gradient. See related letter this page.

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