

## Letter to the Editor

# Fibrinogen and Coronary Artery Disease

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I read with great interest, since I had published on the issue in the past, the editorial by Papageorgiou, Tousoulis, Siasos and Stefanadis.<sup>1</sup> I was impressed that neither my paper, published before any of the papers quoted in Table 1, nor the paper by the Fibrinogen Studies Collaboration on individual participant meta-analysis of the relationship between fibrinogen and the risk of major cardiovascular diseases, published in JAMA in 2005, were cited.<sup>2-3</sup>

Both papers can easily be retrieved from PubMed, using the terms “fibrinogen”, “myocardial infarction”, or “coro-

nary artery disease”, and could have been included.

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## The authors reply

We read with interest the letter from J. Kostis and appreciate both his comments and his great contribution to this field. However, the study to which he refers was performed almost 30 years ago, while the review article he cites was a meta-analysis and not an original article. In our editorial, because of

space limitations, we did not include meta-analyses or review articles, but were mainly aiming to present our personal thoughts and experience in the field.

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