

# Author's Reply

## To: Aortic stiffness in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

Dear Editor,

We are pleased with Uz et al for their comment<sup>1</sup>. Recently, we evaluated aortic diameters and elastic properties in patients suffering from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), compared to healthy subjects<sup>2</sup>. Every patient and control enrolled in the study was completely free from any cardiovascular risk factor (i.e., smoke habit, arterial hypertension, diabetes mellitus, dyslipidemia, overweight). This exclusion criterion allowed us to try to highlight the pure effect of HCM on aorta. Albeit its rarity, we think that shedding better light on pathophysiologic consequences of HCM is of pivotal importance in the management of this disease. More generally, our study might add novel informations to the knowledge of aortic involvement in different cardiac diseases. Furthermore, we are very grateful to Uz et al to their interest in our study.

### Conflict of Interest

The Authors declare that they have no conflict of interests.

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