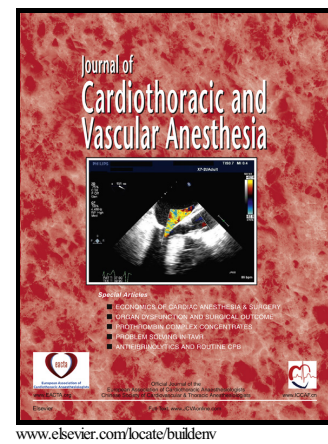


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LETTER TO EDITOR

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Dear Sir,

I was interested to read the article ‘Grading Aortic Stenosis with Mean Gradient and Aortic Valve Area: A Comparison between Preoperative Transthoracic and Precardiopulmonary Bypass Transesophageal Echocardiography’ published in the recent issue of the Journal<sup>1</sup>. The American Heart Association (AHA)/American College of Cardiology (ACC) has published guidelines for decision-making on aortic valve replacement (AVR) in patients with aortic stenosis (AS); these

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