to adjust the shape and position of aorto-coronary bypass grafts.

Although Surgicel is a relatively non-irritant substance and is completely absorbed by the body in most instances it is, none the less, a foreign body and should be used in the smallest amounts possible. Also, physicians and radiologists should be familiar with the appearance of retained Surgicel in X-rays [7], sonograms [8] and computed tomography scans [9].

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Letter to the Editor

Clinical relevance of microembolic signals in patients with prosthetic heart valves

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We read the recent article of Kofidis et al., concerning the clinical relevance of high-intensity transient signals (HITS) in patients with aortic valve replacement with interest [1]. Still, we feel that a number of issues require clarification:

(1) The authors use the term HITS throughout the paper, and even state that “the lack of correlation between the