Letter to the Editor

Coronary flow in sinus grafts*

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I read with interest the article of De Paulis et al. “Coronary flow characteristics after a Bentall procedure with or without sinuses of Valsalva” in the July 2004 issue of the European Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery [1], which examines the effects of the pseudosinuses of a ‘new conduit’ with pseudosinuses (Gelweave Valsalva™, Terumo Vascutek, Renfrewshire, Scotland, UK) upon coronary blood flow. While our observations on the subject of how the bulb geometry may modify coronary flow are comparable with those of the authors, i.e. the effect is minimal, if any, we have to call their attention that the concept of tube graft modified with pseudosinuses is certainly not a ‘recent’ development, but have been already introduced in the very early 1990s [2] and used successfully by us, as well as by others [3] (Fig. 1).

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REV (Lecompte) procedure: how much better than the Rastelli operation?

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In a interesting article recently published in the EJCTS [1], Lee and co-workers compare their results with the Rastelli operation and the REV procedure (termed by the authors “Lecompte procedure”) for patients with