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We appreciate and endorse the work of Dr Pruszczk et al. in the study of cardiopulmonary damage inflicted by pulmonary embolism (PE). We share the interest in quantifying the relationship between systemic inflammation and persistent right ventricular (RV) damage from PE. In the clinical study that provided the data for the report by Stevinson et al., we did not obtain blood specimens at follow-up. However, we will do so in our upcoming randomized, controlled trial of tenecteplase in submassive PE. A secondary objective in this trial will be to test whether persistent elevation of inflammatory biomarkers, including D-dimer, C-reactive protein, and monocyte chemoattractant protein, predict the persistence of RV dysfunction 3 months after PE.

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