

Reply to the Letter to the Editor: 'Ethnicity is not Equal to Citizenship'

Editöre Mektup Yanıtı: 'Etnik Köken Vatandaşlıkla Eşit Değildir'

To the Editor,

We would like to thank the author¹ for their question regarding the article "Comparative Analysis of Angiographic Parameters and Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Outcomes in Diverse Populations in Türkiye."² They were correct in noting that the terms "citizenship" and "ethnicity" are distinct, not related to where a person is born or to the ability/right to obtain citizenship in another country while still belonging to another ethnicity. We were aware of these nuances. The aim of our study was to determine whether a combination of environmental (i.e., war-related stress, limited access to healthcare, absence of primary prevention) and genetic factors among the Syrian population, born in Syria but now residing in Türkiye, contribute to poorer in-hospital outcomes after percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) compared to Turkish patients who were born in Türkiye and differ in these factors. Our findings indicated that although Syrian patients had higher SYNTAX (Synergy between Percutaneous Coronary Intervention with TAXus and Cardiac Surgery) scores than Turkish patients, the rate of in-hospital major cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events was similar between the two populations. Therefore, we hypothesized that the operators at our center were able to perform PCI with similar efficacy and safety for both populations, and our clinicians provided equal healthcare to both. However, we would like to emphasize that the study involved a small sample size and was conducted at a single center. We evaluated only in-hospital outcomes. A long-term follow-up would provide invaluable information to this study. These limitations have been mentioned in the discussed article.

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