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Dear Dr. Godlee and Dr. Ludwig,

On behalf of our co-authors, I am pleased to submit the enclosed revision of our manuscript entitled **“Heterogeneous Trends in Burden of Heart Disease Mortality by Subtypes in the United States, 1999-2018: Observational Analysis of Vital Statistics,”** for consideration for publication in *The BMJ*.

We thank the editorial team for the opportunity to submit a revised manuscript in response to the important comments made by Reviewer 1. We have revised the manuscript in response, and believe the enclosed revised version substantially improves the narrative our paper. We have enclosed an itemized response to each of the Reviewer’s comments.

This manuscript has not been previously been published either formally or in a pre-print server. All authors participated in the preparation of the manuscript and revision, and meet criteria for authorship. As a group, we have no competing interests to report.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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