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THE YANG PROCEDURE:
RENAMEING THE
RECENTLY DESCRIBED
“Y” INCISION/
RECTANGULAR PATCH AORTIC
ANNULUS ENLARGEMENT TECHNIQUE
To the Editor:

We read with interest the article on the novel “Y” incision/rectangular patch aortic annulus enlargement technique by Professor Bo Yang,1 which has been clearly described with great illustrations. We congratulate Professor Yang on such a great solution to small aortic roots.

We recently performed our first “Y” incision/rectangular patch root enlargement in our unit. We found Professor Yang’s right to describe the technique as a “simple” way to enlarge the aortic annulus. Before this letter, this technique had been described as the “Y” incision/rectangular patch technique to clearly describe the “Y” configuration of the incision carried down between the left coronary and noncoronary commissure post, as well as the rectangular shape of the patch used for the reconstruction of the enlarged root.1,2 We acknowledge that such a description is clear and without any faults. However, we have also realized the procedure needs a name apart from the description of its 2 main technical components: the incision type and patch shape. After obtaining consent from Professor Yang via an email communication on our proposal to rename the procedure after him, we are happy to formally rename the procedure “The Yang Procedure” in honor of the inventor, Professor Bo Yang.

Editorial team, allow us to introduce the “The Yang Procedure,” a posterior aortic annular enlargement technique with a “Y” incision and a rectangular patch as the 2 main components to enlarge the aortic annulus by 3 to 4 valve sizes as described by Professor Bo Yang.

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