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## LETTER TO EDITOR

### Mitral Annular Calcification

Dr. Guden and his colleagues deserve congratulations for their innovative use of pericardium in a difficult group of patients.<sup>1</sup> The use of fresh autologous pericardium for this purpose and the technique employed was first described by us in 1988.<sup>2</sup> We also recently published long-term follow up data with continued survival of the patient.<sup>3</sup> It is surprising that these studies have not been referred to by the authors. The fate of pericardium in this situation was at first questioned, however our observations over a 13-year period proved that it is satisfactory in annular repair.

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