**Supplementary file 3**

**Results of the TEE and CMR examination distress questionnaire**

**A, TEE:**

**First, please answer the questions regarding the transesophageal echocardiography:**

**Question 1**: How informed were you about the reason(s) for the examination?

54 answers

**Question 2**: How informed were you about the examination and risks of it?

54 answers

**Question 3**: To what extent were you afraid of the investigation based on the information you had heard beforehand?

54 answers

**Question 4**: Were you given any sedative/anxiolytic medication before the transesophageal echocardiography examination?

54 answers

91%

**Question 5**: How well did the examination match what you heard in the preliminary information?

54 answers

**Question 6**: How painful was the examination?

54 answers

**Question 7**: How anxious/afraid were you during the examination?

54 answers

**Question 8**: How long did you feel the examination was?

54 answers

**Question 9**: If you had to go through the examination again, how afraid would you be?

54 answers

**B, CMR:**

**Please also answer the following questions about the cardiac MR scan:**

**Question 10**: How informed were you about the reason(s) for the examination?

54 answers

**Question 11**: How informed were you about the examination and risks of it?

54 answers

**Question 12**: To what extent were you afraid of the investigation based on the information you had heard beforehand?

54 answers

**Question 13**: Were you given any sedative/anxiolytic medication before the cardiac MRI examination?

54 answers

**Question 14**: How well did the examination match what you heard in the preliminary information?

54 answers

**Question 15**: How painful was the examination?

54 answers

**Question 16**: How anxious/afraid were you during the examination?

54 answers

**Question 17**: How long did you feel the examination was?

54 answers

**Question 18**: If you had to go through the examination again, how afraid would you be?

54 answers

**Summary**

**Question 19:** If you had to undergo one of the two examinations again for your health and you were given the choice, which one would you choose?

54 answers

**Question 20:** Please briefly justify your answer to the previous question.

* Pro-CMR justifications (**48 answers**):
  + More comfortable.
  + No physical impact.
  + No nausea, no pain.
  + No sedative.
  + Not scary at all.
  + …
* Pro-TEE justifications (**6 answers**):
  + Faster, shorter.
  + No sense of confinement.
  + Amnesia due to sedative.
  + …