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Reply to the Editor:

In a recent article,¹ conventional coronary artery bypass grafting surgery was associated with excellent results, like transplantation and/or left ventricular assist device implantation, although coronary artery bypass

grafting surgery was only offered to a highly selected group of patients who demonstrated left ventricle myocardial viability and appropriate coronary target vessels for coronary bypass. Moreover, the patients were evaluated by a team of physicians with a large amount of experience in the treatment of patients with end-stage heart failure. Patient selection for the appropriate treatment by a highly qualified team of specialists explains the good results of their approach to treatment of patients with end-stage heart failure.

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