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**Correction:** In the last issue of the *AJCM*, we incorrectly listed the name of the author of the article, "Risk Factors for Reperfusion Failure following Fibrinolytic Therapy for ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI)." The correct name of the author is Deepak Sharma, M.D. Our apologies.

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