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We read with great interest the recent report by Cho et al in a July issue of Circulation Research. However, we were struck by a remarkable feature in a Figure 1B of their article, reproduced here in the accompanying Figure (panel I). In the upper right corner there is the unmistakable resemblance to a human face, albeit with a somewhat skeletal appearance. But what is even more surprising is that a very similar face is clearly visible in the lower right panel of their Figure 3B, reproduced here in panel II, even though this image is representative of a different animal that was studied in a separate experiment. A closer examination reveals that not only is this very same ghostly face seen in the previous image, but that the vasculature architecture in these two figures is also identical, apart from slight horizontal compression. The facial resemblance can be even better appreciated after enlargement of the region within the box (panel III). We would thus submit that there has been an inadvertent duplication of this figure, and one of these images has been erroneously reproduced. Therefore, we would respectfully ask the authors to face the facts, do an about face, and correct this ghostly error!

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