To the Editor.—We read with great interest the research article by Nagasaka et al. demonstrating a role of nitric oxide and its metabolites in the systemic circulation. As the authors impressively demonstrate, active nitric oxide metabolites are carried into the systemic circulation where they accumulate in the blood and in the heart, and as a result have significant impact on the extent of myocardial ischemia reperfusion injury.

The above letter was sent to the authors of the referenced report. The authors did not feel that a response was required. —James C. Eisenach, M.D., Editor-in-Chief.