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To whom it may concern,

Coronary artery disease is the greatest killer in the Western world today. Percutaneous coronary intervention is the most frequent treatment for this disease and procedural numbers are increasing exponentially. I would like to offer a strong letter of support for the Stelect team who have identified that further technologies are required to optimise this treatment.

I have worked closely with the Stelect team in the development of a novel balloon catheter with intravascular ultrasound capabilities. This device could potentially assist in coronary stent deployment, optimising deployment techniques and potentially reducing the most feared complications of stenting, in-stent restenosis and stent thrombosis. This is a terrific endeavour and I think the commercial utility of this product is vast. This could have global penetration into the coronary stent marketplace. I fully support their application for this application and I would be happy to provide further assistance.

As an interventional cardiologist, I am encouraged by this pioneering team and look forward to aiding the development of the Stelect catheter.

Kind regards,

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