



## Celebrating 50 years of heart transplant surgery: A missed opportunity to honour Hamilton Naki

**To the Editor:** The authors of the guest editorial ‘The world’s first human-to-human heart transplant at Groote Schuur Hospital: 50 years later’<sup>[1]</sup> wish to acknowledge the letter to the Editor by Mankahla *et al.*<sup>[2]</sup> addressing the omission of Mr Hamilton Naki from the invited commentary. This oversight was indeed a missed opportunity to once again honour Mr Naki’s contribution to laboratory research at the University of Cape Town in a local journal. It is with pride that we refer readers of *SAMJ* to our article published concurrently in the *European Heart Journal*,<sup>[3]</sup> which honours Mr Naki’s formidable surgical skills despite a lack of formal training and recognises his contribution in training a future generation of surgeons.

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