Reviewer’s report

Title: Predictors of cardiac arrhythmic events in non coronary artery disease patients

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Reviewer: Federico Guerra

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The present paper by Balla and colleagues deals with the current role of plasma and genetic biomarkers as predictors of sudden cardiac death. The topic is interesting and thoroughly reviewed by the authors.

I have only some minor comments:

- Background: the authors define sudden cardiac death as a "non-traumatic" event, yet they rightly consider commotio cordis as a potential cause of SCD. Please modify their definition of SCD accordingly.

- Some sentences need proper references, such as:
  - Page 3, lines 29-36 ("...myocardial disease").
  - Page 4, line 2-7 ("...invasiveness").
  - Page 4, lines 8-15 ("...studies").
  - Page 5, lines 2-5 ("...the body").
  - Page 5, lines 22-28 ("...implantation").
  - Page 7, lines 52-60 ("...tissue levels").
  - Page 8, lines 1-3 ("...intervention").
  - Page 8, line 17 ("...diseases").
  - Page 9, lines 37-42 ("...necessary").

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