Reviewer’s report

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

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The article is very interesting and very well written.

The article covers in a very comprehensive way the complex context of biochemical markers in the prediction of sudden cardiac death in non-ischaemic heart disease; it provides essential information to understand the meaning of these markers and their potential use in clinical practice.

In particular, it is appropriately pointed out that even today laboratory tests are not able to provide an autonomous response in the identification of patients at risk; the information that these tests provide should always be integrated into the clinical context.

I suggest to change the sentence (background, lines 21-28)

"The first guilty in SCDs, despite progresses in percutaneous revascularization, remains myocardial ischemia. β-blocker therapy and implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICD) are effective in decreasing SCD, particularly in patients with severe left ventricular impairment."

as it follows

The first cause of SCDs, despite progress in percutaneous revascularization, remains myocardial ischaemia. Beta-blocker therapy and implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs) are effective in reducing SCD, particularly in patients with severe left ventricular dysfunction.

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