

Exercise Stress Echocardiography. Where are we now?

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Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Minor revision

**Specific Comments to Authors:** The authors of this review are presenting the role of exercise stress echocardiography, based on their methodology, in different situations. The title is presenting the main idea of the review... the current situation and possible use of this method.

**The abstract must be improved. Answer: We change the abstract**

**The introduction of the review should present more data on the field. Answer: We present more data as suggested**

**The manuscript titles may be noted with A, B, C and subtitles with 1,2,3 to have a more organized structure. Answer: We made this change**

**Also, some paragraphs are too in detail with some repetition of information.**

**Answer: We made changes and cut repetition of information**

**The ethics and radiations risk could be separated into two chapters. Answer: We follow the suggestion**

**There is no paragraph with conclusions of the review. The last paragraph are just the conclusions about the risk of radiation. Answer: We create Conclusions**

The use of the English language seems to be correct and there is no need for corrections, just some typos.

The review is based on a large number of important papers cited (126 titles) There are many figures (19) that illustrate the data presented in the review. **Answer: We reduce the number of figures maintaining those that we think underline the value of "our" methodology**

Overall, the paper is well written, but needs to be more concentrated (condensed) and organized as it seems too long and the reader may lose the focus when reading. **Answer: We reorganize the paper (in chapters as suggested) to make it more clear**

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Authors must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which are listed below:

**(1) Science editor:** 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a review of the exercise stress echocardiography. The topic is within the scope of the WJC. (1) Classification: Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: This review of the role of exercise stress

echocardiography is an exhaustive one with some aspects that are too detailed, many figures. The abstract must be improved. The introduction of the review should present more data on the field. Overall, the paper is well written, but needs to be more concentrated (condensed) and organized as it seems too long and the reader may lose the focus when reading. **Answer: We have answer to the reviewer** The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered; and (3) Format: There are 19 figures. **Answer: We reduce to 8 Figures** (4) References: A total of 126 references are cited, including 14 references published in the last 3 years; **(Answer: We reduce the number of references to 109** (5) Self-cited references: There are 14 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations (i.e., those that are most closely related to the topic of the manuscript) and remove all other improper self-citations. If the authors fail to address the critical issue of self-citation, the editing process of this manuscript will be terminated **Answer: We reduce the number of self citations;** and (6) References recommendations: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by the peer reviewer(s), especially references published by the peer reviewer(s) him/herself (themselves). If the authors find the peer reviewer(s) request for the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself (themselves), please send the peer reviewer's ID number to [editorialoffice@wjgnet.com](mailto:editorialoffice@wjgnet.com). The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. **Answer: The Reviewer was extremely correct** 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. A language editing certificate issued by AJE was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors need to provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. The topic has not previously been published in the WJC. The corresponding author has not published articles in the BPG. 5 Issues raised: (1) I found the authors did not provide the original figures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor; **Answer: We create the PowerPoint File as required** (2) I found the authors did not add the PMID and DOI in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout; **Answer: We made the corrections sugested** (3) the author should number the references in Arabic numerals according to the citation order in the text. The reference numbers will be superscripted in square brackets at the end of the sentence with the citation content or after the cited author's name, with no spaces; **Answer: We made the corrections sugested** (4) Please obtain permission for the use of picture(s). If an author of a submission is re-using a figure or figures published elsewhere, or that is copyrighted, the author must provide documentation that the previous publisher or copyright holder has given permission for the figure to be re-published; and correctly indicating the reference source and copyrights. For example, "Figure 1 Histopathological examination by hematoxylin-eosin staining (200 ×). A: Control group; B: Model group; C: Pioglitazone hydrochloride group; D: Chinese herbal medicine group. Citation: Yang JM, Sun Y, Wang M, Zhang XL, Zhang SJ, Gao YS, Chen L, Wu

MY, Zhou L, Zhou YM, Wang Y, Zheng FJ, Li YH. Regulatory effect of a Chinese herbal medicine formula on non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. World J Gastroenterol 2019; 25(34): 5105-5119. Copyright ©The Author(s) 2019. Published by Baishideng Publishing Group Inc[6]". **Answer: We made the corrections suggested** And please cite the reference source in the references list. If the author fails to properly cite the published or copyrighted picture(s) or table(s) as described above, he/she will be subject to withdrawal of the article from BPG publications and may even be held liable **Answer: We made the corrections suggested**; and (5) There are 14 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations (i.e., those that are most closely related to the topic of the manuscript) and remove all other improper self-citations. If the authors fail to address the critical issue of self-citation, the editing process of this manuscript will be terminated 6 Re-Review: Not required. **Answer: We made the corrections suggested having now a small number of self-citations** 7 Recommendation: Conditionally accepted.

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We made the changes suggested and we honestly believe they improve significantly the manuscript.

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