

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Altay M provided an interesting editorial with the focus of acarbose in the treatment of diabetes. The content is substantial, of clear logical tiers and relatively fluently expressed.

The author indicated that “there is increasing evidence to show that it reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease”. However, this lacks solid proof. How about the CVOT results of acarbose?

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Dear Author, in the proposed Editorial you reinvestigate the data on efficacy of acarbose in cardiovascular protection of T2DM patients. The Manuscript cites the new literature; concentrating specifically on the recently published study by Song et al. which suggests the effects in newly diagnosed patients through incretin action. I would suggest, as this is an Editorial to provide more personal approach in how the available data can change the future investigation and treatment of T2DM patients on the global level.

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The part regarding the MARCH study should be improved as it is not too clear. The clinical relevance of going back to acarbose is not very clear too.

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The paper discussed the effects of Acarbose on body weight, glycated hemoglobin A1c, and cardiovascular events associated with diabetes. Further, the disadvantages of Acarbose was also described. Overall, the paper was well written, and I have no further comments.