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## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
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<b>Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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#### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The Authors wrote a meta-analysis on the prognostic role of LGE in DCM. The topic is interesting, even though several points should be addressed. In the Methods, what did the Authors mean with "cardiac events" for the composite endpoint? Please correct several typing errors throughout the manuscript (for example, in the Methods "cycle length of r240 ms (ie, Z250 beats/min)."). In the Methods, "Sustained VT was defined as tachycardia originating in the ventricle with rate 4,100 beats/min and lasting 430 seconds or requiring an intervention for termination." Please check. In the Results (Figures 2,3) it is unclear what the "overall" line at the bottom of each figure means. It would work if each single subtotal analysis was mutually exclusive (for example arrhythmic + ischaemic + HF endpoints), but in this case all cause mortality, arrhythmias and composite events are largely overlapping, so that an "overall" analysis should theoretically be already present in the "composite" endpoint. Same concerns for figures 4 and 5 (LGE location, what does an "overall" analysis mean in this case, considering that a patient might present LGE in several different location at the same time?) Same concerns for figures 6 and 7 (LGE pattern, what does an "overall" analysis



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mean in this case, considering that a patient might present LGE with several different patterns at the same time, so that the "multiple" pattern should already represent an overall analysis?) The Authors should stress in the discussion the possible heterogeneity among studies as far as LGE quantification is concerned.