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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Comments regarding article "SNovel approaches for the treatment of ventricular tachycardia": In this review article, Spartalis, M et al. try to discuss all recent advances in novel therapies as well as experimental evidence focusing on different aspects of VT treatment that might be significant for future successful clinical applications. A few



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issues raised some concern, though: 1. Authors should firstly discuss failure rate of endocardial ablation in patients with and without structural heart disease. Then they should continue with epicardial catheter ablation. 2. Authors should indicate that percutaneous access may not be possible in patients with previous heart surgery or epicardial ablation attempt. In this scenario, video-assisted thoracoscopy may be a good and minimal invasive alternative to open surgery. (Aksu T, et al. Europace. 2015 Jul;17(7):1116. Successful ablation of an epicardial ventricular tachycardia by video-assisted thoracoscopy) 3. Authors should add some figures demonstrating usage of different approaches. They may get permission from the other authors, if they do not enough figures.

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