Response to comments

Reviewer 1

Systemic review and meta-analysis of ECG and LGE-CMR findings in a range of conditions, corresponding to PRISMA statement. The paper is written in good English and is clear. Minor comment: - FQRS and fQRS are both used; one acronym should be consistent throughout the document ie "fQRS" - the defiition of what constitutes fQRS should be supplied, along with an example ECG for the reader's learning; the examples in figure (which is not properly labelleed as "Figure 1" with an appropriate citation in the text, also this figure needs a legend for subfigures A-E with explanation of the arrows (are these epsilon waves? is ther fQRS?) Lastly these figures are too small for the REviewer to see any ECG changes and they should be put to full-page width at least for the purposes of peer review. - A List of Abbreviations should be supplied at the beginning of the paper

Authors' response

In the revised version we have corrected the abbreviations as noted. All abbreviations are explained through the text. Also, we added the definition of fQRS as requested. We have tried to provide a figure with a good quality. However, the ECGs from the original source do not have a good resolution. All abbreviations have been explained.

Reviewer 2

This article reviews current evidence about the association of electrocardiographic (ECG) markers with myocardial fibrosis identified by Cardiac magnetic - late gadolinium enhancement (CMR-LGE). This paper has some significance for clinicians and researchers working. A few revisions/suggestions were noted: 1. The author should provide detailed data including statistical data (especially graphical data that reflect the results) in the RESULTS sections. 2. Discussion should be more developed. The authors did not provide adequate analysis and comprehensive discussion on the basis of the current results.

Authors' response

In the methods section we analyzed the methodology that was used for performing the systematic review. In the discussion section we discuss the existing data about the association of ECG indices with fibrosis and the clinical importance of this association. We hope to find the revised version acceptable for being published.