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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written and well designed clinical review discussing the controversy whether NAFLD is a risk factor in patients at increased risk for cardiac and arrhythmic complications, or it is an independent risk factor for the development of such complications. This uncertainty is well discussed and this manuscript should be accepted for publication.



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This is a comprehensive article detailing the literature to date on CVD and NAFLD. The authors have done an excellent job compiling what is now a large number of studies and synthesizing the findings. This article benefits both researchers and clinicians by establishing the science to date and identifying priority areas for future investigation.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this interesting review, authors discuss the available clinical evidence that link the NAFLD to an increased risk of cardiac and arrhythmic complications. However, given that NAFLD is consequence of obesity, the link between NAFLD and the increased risk of cardiac complications have several important confounders such as the mild chronic inflammation syndrome, decrease of insulin sensitivity, dyslipidemia, and high blood pressure, all of them related with both obesity-NAFLD and the increased risk of cardiac complications. In addition, some of the articles included in the review are focused in patients with NAFLD and diabetes, that also could be a source of bias. So, it will be important to include a subheading to discuss the probable influence of these confounders in the abovementioned relationship. Which were the sources of search? Which were the key words used in the search?