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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is very well written and it gives a good review of the cardiac involvement in muscular dystrophies and their natural history and suggests a nice approach to manage and follow those patients. The only comment I have is that the incidence rate is very much higher than the prevalence rate. I recommend this paper for publication after revising these rates

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The review by Mavrogeni et al of the cardiac abnormalities in the dystrophinopathies and their female carriers is well-written, covering the pathology behind both DMD and BMD. It then goes into the details of the cardiac abnormalities encountered in the patients and the female carriers and covers the findings on ECG, echocardiography and then cardiac MR. The manuscript is well referenced and provides the general cardiology reader with an update into the cardiac complications of these muscle dystrophies. It also provides an insight into potential interventions that could delay the inevitable cardiac complications if commenced early. In their conclusions they advised commencing ACEI and beta-blockers to those with demonstrable abnormalities. This is justifiable, but I would recommend that they tone down the last phrase about avoiding the complications, as the best evidence we have suggests a reduction of the incidence of these complications rather than an avoidance of their occurrence. In addition, the authors should be advised to make the following corrections: In page 3, first paragraph, lines 6-7, it states: The incidence of BMD is 1 in 18.450 males and prevalence 2.4 per 100,000 in the general population (2, 3). It should be: The incidence of BMD is 1 in 18,450 males and prevalence 2.4 per 100,000 in the general population (2, 3). In page 5, paragraph 2, lines 1-2 state:



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Cardiac disease in DMD is progressive and finally conducts to ventricular dysfunction, usually accompanied by ventricular dilation (12). This should have said: Cardiac disease in DMD is progressive and finally leads to ventricular dysfunction, usually accompanied by ventricular dilation (12). In page 7, second paragraph, line 19: It states: any correlation with genotype-phenotype (45), even in the absence of overt It should be any correlation with genotype-phenotype (45), even in the absence of overt Dr A Al-Mohammad