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New Frontiers in Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathies

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathies (ACMs) are a group of cardiac diseases that are characterized by fibrofatty infiltration of the myocardium and increased risk of ventricular tachyarrhythmias. In arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy (ARVC), which is the most typical and best described form of ACM, mutations in genes coding for desmosomal proteins account for most familial cases. The disease is usually progressive, causing left ventricular (LV) involvement and heart failure in later stages. However, there is now growing evidence demonstrating LV involvement even in earlier stages of ACM. Predominantly LV disease associated with early occurrence of ventricular arrhythmias has also been increasingly recognized. The nomenclature and classification of ACMs have been a matter of constant debate for experts in this field. Despite numerous publications in the medical literature in recent years, ACM still continues to be a challenging clinical entity. The aim of this Special Issue is to highlight recent advances in ACMs in the context of diagnosis, risk prediction, and therapy.

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