



Management of Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases under COVID-19 Pandemic

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Dear Colleagues,

In the last two years, coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) has rapidly become the leading health concern worldwide. At the very beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was immediately apparent that pre-existing cardiovascular diseases increase individuals' susceptibility to SARS-CoV-2 infection and their risk of adverse outcomes due to an imbalance in ACE/ACE2 levels. Furthermore, COVID-19 itself induces cardiovascular complications, including myocardial infarction, heart failure, arrhythmia, and myocarditis. The close relationship between SARS-CoV-2 and cardiovascular diseases raises a number of clinical questions concerning the optimal management of high-risk patients. For example, interactions between antiviral medications and other drugs could negatively affect the cardiovascular system; therefore, the interruption or compliance of chronic drug therapy, such as ACE/ARB[...]

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