

## Reviewer Guidelines

Cardiovascular Imaging Asia (CIA) provides these guidelines to help reviewers perform a suitable review.

### Recommended format for the review

Below is a suggested format for your review. The format can be tailored at the reviewer's discretion. However, please avoid sending a one-sentence review, and be sure to number the comments sequentially regardless of subtitles. This allows the authors to organize their responses to your review with numerical references.

1. Summary – Describe what was done and found in the work.
2. Major Strengths
3. Major Weaknesses
4. Overall Impression
5. Specific Comments
6. Recommendation

### Evaluation of the overall quality of the study/manuscript

1. Reader interest
2. Scientific quality (for Original Article) or educational and pictorial quality (for Review and Pictorial Essay)
3. Originality and importance
4. Clarity of organization, writing, and language

### Verification of items for each specific part of a manuscript

#### **Abstract**

Essential information in each section?

Purpose clearly stated and the same as that at the end of the Introduction?

Clearly prospective or retrospective?

Same data/information as in the text?

Is specific data included only in the results section?

Conclusion certified from data and the same as that at the end of the Discussion?

## **Introduction**

Logical case for why the study was undertaken?

Appropriate references supporting the hypothesis?

Clear hypothesis and purpose of study stated at the end of the Introduction?

## **Materials and Methods**

Human Study - IRB approval stated?

Animal Studies - Approval of institutional animal care committee?

When was the study conducted?

Patient group fully defined?

Logical presentation of all participants and logical division into groups with rationale?

Clear and detailed descriptions of the techniques and procedures performed?

Reference standard procedures clearly identified?

Indicate specifically what was evaluated and how evaluations were performed?

Appropriate statistical analysis methods performed?

## **Results**

Consistency between Materials and Methods (M & M) and Results?

Presented results for all items evaluated in M&M?

Results presented in logical sequence?

Results of statistical evaluations and significance?

Are tables and figures utilized appropriately?

## **Discussion**

Avoided repetition of results?

Avoided repetition of information already in the Introduction?

Avoided extensive review of the topic?

Presented comparison of study results with those from previous relevant studies?

Discussion focused on and provided important findings in the context of existing

knowledge?

Comments on potential future practical applications?

Discussion of limitations and future work to be performed?

Conclusions directly connected to the purpose and supported by data?

### **References**

Listed in order of citation in text?

Reference format adhering to guidelines?

Included citable Cardiovascular Imaging in Asia articles?

No misquotes or incorrect citations?

### **Tables**

Truly needed and not a mere repetition of text?

Abbreviations explained well?

Numerators and denominators provided?

Title provided for each table?

Numbers in tables match those in the text?

Could they be on-line only (supplementary) material?

### **Figures**

Follow the quality guidelines?

Appropriate number of illustrations?

Captions clearly describe important features?

Used appropriate labels and all labels are mentioned in the caption?

MRI images include pulse sequence information (only needed if not given or different from that in M&M)?

Stain and original magnification given for histology slides?

Absence of identifiers or information of the authors or the patient?

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