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Acute and Chronic Effects of Exercise on Cardiovascular System

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EDITORIAL

Cardiovascular rehabilitation through exercise is of great interest since cardiovascular disease is one of the main cause of mortality worldwide^[1]. Exercise presents benefic effects on the reduction of cardiovascular disorders development^[2]. Previous studies analyzed the influence of aerobic exercise in improving cardiovascular function through physiological mechanism^[3-5].

In this special number of the Journal of Cardiology and Therapy we discuss the acute and chronic effects of exercise on cardiovascular system.

Pires *et al* evaluated the influence of physical activity on quality of life in stroke patients who perform physical therapy. The authors investigated stroke patients and divided into two groups: one who practiced regular physical activity and the control group who did not practice regular physical activity. As a main result, it was not found significant difference on quality of life between both groups. This is possibly due to the small sample obtained.

Gutierrez *et al* reported the acute effects of music on cardiovascular variables during recovery from aerobic exercise. In order to analysis cardiovascular system they performed heart rate variability (HRV) method, which is well recognized in the literature^[6-10]. The final conclusion of the study was absence of music influence on vagal heart rate modulation during recovery from exercise.

Finally, Giacon *et al* performed a literature review in order to better describe the effect of physical exercise on autonomic nervous system in patients with diabetes mellitus through autonomic regulation of heart rate. The references selected by the authors showed that aerobic exercise improve autonomic heart rate control of subjects with diabetes mellitus. On the other hand, it is worth to mention that intensity and duration of exercise are important variables to study.

In this context, this special issue of the Journal Cardiology and Therapy focused on the effects of physical exercise on cardiovascular system in different situations. The editorial board wish you a good read.

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