



Questioning the Prevalence of Left Ventricular Hypertrophy Considered as Reference in the Study by Its Authors

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Dear editor,

Regarding the article "Accuracy of Chest Radiography and Electrocardiogram in Diagnosis of Hypertrophy in Hypertension"¹, we would like to make some considerations: 1- initially, it is worth emphasizing the progressive reduction in the occurrence of concentric left ventricular hypertrophy (increased septal and/or posterior wall thickness) in the state of Rio Grande do Sul

as compared with the percentages reported in the foreign literature in studies using echocardiography^{2,3}. That fact or phenomenon can be attributed to either the better treatment of arterial hypertension or the bias: patients without ventricular hypertrophy live longer, being, thus, more prevalent; 2- in that study, which was the prevalence of concentric left ventricular hypertrophy, and how was the study sample selected?

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