Inspiratory muscle weakness and autonomic cardiovascular dysfunction in type 2 diabetes mellitus

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Dear Editor,

I read the recent publication on inspiratory muscle weakness and autonomic cardiovascular dysfunction in type 2 diabetes mellitus with great interest [1]. Kaminski et al. concluded that “Patients with type 2 DM and autonomic neuropathy showed reduced respiratory muscle strength and less HR variability. [1]”. I have some comments. First, there is no control group and few subjects are studied. The use of average in statistics might not be acceptable. This is an important limitation. Second, physical activity might be an important confounding factor in this study [2]. Exercise has several effects upon muscle [2]. Kaminski et al. did not study this important parameter.

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