Reviewer’s report

Title: Renal effects of dexmedetomidine during coronary artery bypass surgery: a randomized placebo-controlled study

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1. The question posed by the authors is well defined.
2. The methods are appropriate and well described, but this is a very old study, carried out in 1994-1997.
3. The manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition
4. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data.
5. The limitations of the work are moderately stated after revision.
6. The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found.
7. The writing is very well done.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests