Reviewer’s report

Title: Ventricular septal defect in a child with Alport syndrome: a case report

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
Alport syndrome is a rare inherited disease and a connection to congenital heart defects has not been reported yet. Some of the author’s suggestions are really interesting but any proof of a common pathophysiological basis is still missing. The use of clonidin as an additional antihypertensive drug is interesting as well but does of course not allow any general recommendations, as the report refers to just one case. And finally the appearance of a conduction block after correction of a VSD may also be associated with some special form of AS, as suggested in the article, but will more probably be a consequence of the surgical VSD closure. I would ask the authors to make more clear to me, what the new message of this article should be.

Minor Essential Revisions:
The English language should be submitted to a critical review. Also, the literature list should be corrected, as for example the numbers 21 - 23 should refer to the relevant pages etc..

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.