Reviewer’s report

Title: Characterization of a calcified intra-cardiac pseudocyst of the mitral valve by magnetic resonance imaging including T1 and T2 mapping

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1. The author reports that the echocardiographic finding had thrombosis of the aortic arch and descending aorta and this finding was obtained from the TTE in addition to the mass attached to the mitral valve. Why the patient did not perform transosophageal echocardiography and sent for Cardiac CT which gave modest result.

2. The MRI reported that the mass is calcified cystic mass which usually doesn’t cause embolization except after rupture so what is your explanation to recurrent emboli.

3. What about the MRI findings of the arch and descending aorta as regard to the thrombosis reported by the TTE which may be the main source of recurrent emboli.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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