Reviewer's report

Title: Prosthetic Valve Endocarditis Caused by Pseudomonas luteola

Version: 1 Date: 13 July 2005

Reviewer: Smadar Kort

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Change the sentence "The transesophageal echocardiography was normal" to describe the findings pertinent for the presence or absence of endocarditis, such as vegetations, valvular function etc.
2. The authors should describe the response to the initial treatment with antibiotics.
3. The second transesophageal echocardiogram revealed a vegetation attached to the aortic valve, however, the function of the valve was not described was there an aortic regurgitation at that time?
4. The authors reported the worsening in the aortic regurgitation to be the indication for surgery, but other clinical data is not given. Was there clinical improvement? were there further embolic events?
5. The patient was in the hospital for 7 months. What was the reason for the prolonged hospitalization?
6. An n is missing in the word infection, just before reference 9.
7. Too few cases of P. luteola endocarditis are described in the literature to draw conclusions regarding the nature of the infection. The last paragraph should not include all these conclusions.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.