Reviewer's report

Title: Dalteparin, a Low Molecular Weight Heparin, as Part of Combination Therapy for Patients with Kawasaki Disease: a Retrospective Pilot Study

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Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
1) Abstract
   a. Design- Change to “Retrospective hospital-based cohort compared to national surveys”.
   b. Methods- Line 11, Add the phrase “In the first cohort, subjects…” and in Line 16, add the phrase “In the second cohort…”
   c. Conclusion- would change end of sentence to “…in young children with KD.”
2) Methods-
   a. Page 10, line 11: There appears to be a grammatical error, since sentence as written is difficult to follow.
   b. Page 15. Paragraph on monitoring parameters of coagulation is a helpful addition. However, some grammatical errors make it difficult to follow.
3) Results
   a. Page 16, line 13: This paragraph is confusing as written. Incidence of what? As mentioned in first review, it is difficult for the reader to know whether the hospital cohort and national survey represent similar populations. If data on patient characteristics, demographics, disease severity are not available, this should be stated as a limitation, since the differences in outcomes demonstrated could be due to unmeasured confounding effects.
   b. Page 17, line 10: Similar to comment as above.
   c. Page 20, line 1: add “(data not shown)”
4) Discussion:
   a. Page 21, line 12: would change to “…may be more efficacious than IVIG alone.”
   b. Limitations: list is appropriate, but should also mention that the analysis did not account for potential confounders.
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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