Reviewer's report

Title: A large left ventricular pseudoaneurysm in a case of Behcet’s disease and literature review

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Reviewer: Raul Moreno

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General
The described case is interesting due to the rarity of left ventricular pseudoaneurysm in Behcet disease. We propose the following changes:

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
We propose the following changes:
1. Discussion. Page 5, paragraph 3. Probably, in the case the authors have presented, surgical intervention is mandatory, partly due to the young patient age. However, the authors should clarify that most left ventricular pseudoaneurysms result from a mechanical complication of acute myocardial infarction. In cases of postinfarction left ventricular pseudoaneurysm, whether routine surgical repair regardless on other clinical characteristics of the patient should be indicated remains as a matter of discussion. Some authors believe that the necessity of surgical repair in these cases should be individualized for each patient (Moreno R, et al. Heart 2003;89:1144-6).
2. Discussion. Page 6, paragraph 2. Page 5, paragraph 3.: The authors should mention other important cardiac involvements in Behcet disease (pericarditis, myocarditis, etc).
3. Discussion. Page 6, last paragraph: The role of contrast echocardiography for the diagnosis of left ventricular pseudoaneurysm should be mention.

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

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Minor comments:
- Page 4, paragraph 3, line 3: Replace "10.1*14.8" by "10.1x14.8".
- Page 4, paragraph 4, line 3: Replace "2.5*3.0" by "2.5x3.0".
- Page 4, paragraph 5: median sternotomy is not a proper name. Write it without using capital letters.
- Page 5, paragraph 1, line 1: Replace "10.1*14.8" by "10.1x14.8".
- Reference No. 1: Replace "abdomainal" by "abdominal".

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests