Reviewer’s report

Title: Left ventricular markers of global dyssynchrony predict limited exercise capacity in heart failure, but not in patients with HFpEF

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Bajraktari et al. have a large experience on evaluation of heart failure patients and have published several articles correlating objective measures of functional capacity (6-min walked distance) with various echocardiographic parameters (Berisha et al. Arq Bras Cardiol. 2009 Feb;92(2):121-34; Daullxhiu et al. J Cardiovasc Med (Hagerstown). 2011 Mar;12(3):223-5. Bajraktari et al. Int J Cardiol. 2011 May 5;148(3):271-5.). Therefore, the main question is whether this article provides any incremental value or new insight into the field. Other comments:

1.-There are important inconsistencies in the description of the study population: 50.3% are female or male? The etiology of heart failure described in the results section does not match with the one indicated in the methods section.

2.-Based on previous articles and in the current one, have the authors modified the clinical management of the patients? It would be important to know whether a prospective evaluation based on these articles would result in relevant changes in the clinical management and further improvement of the clinical outcome.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.