Reviewer's report

**Title:** Echocardiographic integrated backscatter for detecting progression and regression of aortic valve calcifications in rats.

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The article presents a lot of unusual acronyms and the Authors should select only those that are multiple cited in the text. The legends of figures should be more explanatory.

**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 have not competing interests