Reviewer's report

Title: The effects of beta-blockers on dobutamine-atropine stress echocardiography: early protocol versus standard protocol

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Reviewer: Anca Irina I Corciu

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General
An interesting, timely and well written study.

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

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
I have minor comments which the Authors might wish to address:
Page 2, Results: delete “In the present study we observed that.”.
Page 5, line 5: replace “CINE” with “angiographic”.
Page 4: please, refer to your previous original paper, as follows: “We have previously shown the feasibility and accuracy of early protocol of administration of atropine during dobutamine stress echocardiography (11). When compared to the standard one, the early protocol is faster and diagnostically more accurate (11).”.
Page 5: delete “The early dobutamine protocol research is a result of a previous study by the same author (11).”.
Page 8: replace “tensional” with “blood pressure”. Renin is rennin.
Page 10: reference 1 should be written in the journal format.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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.