Reviewer's report

Title: Echo-driven V-V optimization determines clinical improvement in non responders to cardiac resynchronization treatment

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General
The main point is that paper does not look like a scientific paper as data are presented without any statistical approach, it is only a series of case reports. Moreover, not all the patients are non-responders (pts n 2 and 3 have been studied after the implant as it should happen in clinical practice). It is hard to find anything novel as many papers already described the acute optimisation of AV and VV intervals in CRT patients through many echocardiographic methods, including TDI.

Minor comments:
- title of downloaded paper does not correspond to that in submission report
- references n° 11 and 16 are the same
- english should be reviewed

Suggestion: authors may wish to present one or more of the supposed most interesting patients as case reports.

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

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

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Reject as not sufficiently sound

Level of interest: Reject as not of sufficient priority to merit publishing in this journal

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.