Reviewer's report

Title: Chronotropic incompetence and a higher frequency of myocardial ischemia in exercise ecocardiography

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Reviewer: Francesca Frassi

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General
It is an interesting and well written article, important in its field. I have only minor but essential revisions:

1) The manuscript contains major linguistic and grammatical errors, so please revise the text with English mother-tongue assistance.
2) In the Discussion section, on page 15, it is not clear the meaning of the sentence “Elehendi et al showed that...”; please correct it.
3) On page 11 and 12 is repeated twice that “the presence of typical angina is more frequent in G1”, please remove one of them.
4) In table 1 are reported all the informations that are explained in the text. I think that it is useful, so you may remove this table.
5) In table 2 and 3 are repeated some informations that are cited in the text (i.e., arterial pressure, duration of the test, METS, ST segment, severe arrhythmia); please remove them, maintaining the other informations.
6) Please simplify table 5, removing data about G2 group.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.