Reviewer's report

Title: Cardiac incoordination induced by left bundle branch block: its relation with left ventricular systolic function in patients with and without cardiomyopathy

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This is an interesting manuscript addressing a timing issue. I only have minor comments:


2. Tone down abstract conclusions; as outlined in the discussion section of the manuscript no sound tools are available to distinguish DCMP and ICMP.

3. The discussion is too long and should be shortened. In the discussion authors mention, on pg.8, contractile reserve as an important parameter that may explain, at least in part, CRT response. Do they have any data? There are a few reports presented at Euroecho 2007 (see also Da Costa et al. Heart Rhythm 2006 and Ciampi Q Cardiovascular Ultrasound 2007) demonstrating that the presence of contractile reserve predicts CRT.

4. There are too many abbreviations that make the manuscript hard to read and follow.

5. There are a few typos.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.