Reviewer's report

Title: Persistent Left Superior Vena Cava: a Case Report and Review of Literature.

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This is an interesting case report depicting a low incidence congenital anomaly although with relevant clinical implications when present. It should be stressed that rest echocardiography with right sided bubble injection (saline) is able to diagnose this anomaly and there is no justification (The Euratom Directive 97/43 establishes that the indication and execution of diagnostic procedures with ionising radiation should follow three basic principles: the justification principle (article 3: “if an exposure cannot be justified, it should be prohibited”); the optimisation principle (article 4: according to the ALARA principle, “all doses due to medical exposures must be kept As Low As Reasonably Achievable”), and the responsibility principle (article 5: “both the prescriber and the practitioner are responsible for the justification of the test exposing the patient to ionising radiation”) in using more expensive and polluting X-rays techniques.

Due to the nature of the journal it would be useful to have more images (clips). The clip that has been uploaded is not very self-explanatory. Provide clearer moving images also with contrast infusion. There is no space limit in the journal

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'