Reviewer's report

Title: Second-Opinion Stress Tele-Echocardiography for Aged Donor Heart Selection

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This is an interesting and well written manuscript. There are only minor issues that authors should address:

1. As authors stated stress echocardiography relies on observer’s experience and a central core lab reading may reduce intra and inter-observer variability. The clinical implications of the study are beyond the study protocol and may be easily implanted on a larger scale. Authors may add the potential use of tele-medicine in stress echocardiography.
2. In the methods section of the manuscript authors do not describe in detail the dipyridamole stress echo protocol (dosage etc.)
3. In line with the previous comment please clarify the reason why vasodilator stress testing is more appropriate than inotropic stress testing in this setting.
4. There are a few typos that should be corrected.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'