Reviewer’s report

Title: Echocardiography may be useful to detect pulmonary vasculopathy in early stage of pulmonary artery hypertension associated to systemic sclerosis

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The paper has improved a lot thanks to this first revision. However, it still lacks an extensive English mother-tongue revision and a thorough check for all misspellings and use of acronyms. Figures still have some Italian words. Some indications of the first review have not been fulfilled yet.

Definition of PAH is not correct: you have reported the 2009 Guidelines definition of pulmonary hypertension and not pulmonary arterial hypertension.

What do you mean by the following sentence “PAPs: Pulmonary Systolic Pressure derived from a tricuspid regurgitation flow of 2.8-3.4m/sec”? Did you consider only patients with PAPs in this range?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.