Reviewer’s report:

Title: Echocardiographic Predictors of Severe Heart Failure Symptoms in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Patients with Sinus Rhythm

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In this paper, the authors suggested that diastolic dysfunction determined with EDt, occult systolic dysfunction which is detected with TD analysis, and LV outflow obstruction affecting symptomatic status in HCM patients with sinus rhythm and normal systolic function.

The paper is well written, but statistical analysis must be revised. for example; presented echocardiographic predictors of heart failure symptoms must be investigated by multivariate analysis including age, gender, LV obstruction, TDI parameters, and mitral regurgitation instead of univariate analysis.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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.