Reviewer’s report

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

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I would like to congratulate the authors for their comprehensive analysis on patients with hyperthrophic cardiomyopathy (HC). They provide a good insight to development of debilitating symptoms caused by HC. Below are some points to improve the article significantly.

Major Compulsory Revisions
Division of patients into subgroups depending on EF or presence of left ventricular outflow tract gradients and a subgroup analysis would have enabled the audience to categorize the symptomatology and the pathophysiology.
Discussion of new data in the light of current literature is necessary.
Besides, it is a well-written article with adequate interest in its field. It presents novel data; however, discussion of the findings with the current literature needs improvement.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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