Reviewer's report

Title: The impact of altitude on early outcome following the Fontan operation

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General
The authors addresses a problem from a partly new angle which is interesting. If there is a true correlation between altitude and early failure of Fontan it would have been interesting to read about the authors ideas about the consequenses it might have. (Is there even worse results from centres located on high altitude and a lot of raining (low pressure)?)

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
In the graph (figure 1.) I wonder why the rank numbers are 3-26, since the numbers of observations are 1-24 (my lack of understanding!?)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.