Reviewer's report

Title: Left ventricular postoperative false aneurysm following apical venting

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General
This brief report by Bizzarri et al. describes a rare case of false aneurysm at the site of venting through the apex of the left ventricle following heart valve replacement. Although interesting needs some minor revisions prior to acceptance.

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

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
The Authors should give some information regarding the clinical status of this patient and in a brief discussion indicate the possible complications of a false aneurysm of the left ventricle and, as a consequence, why surgery was performed.

Please add '(Fig. 1-4)' after 'The pictures' (Page 1, line 3).
Delete 'the' after 'left ventricular venting' (Page 1, line 17).

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
A picture of the echo showing the false aneurysm of the LV

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