Reviewer's report

Title: Case Study: Expanded Indications for Simplified Aortic Cannulation - Reoperative Congenital Heart Surgery

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Reviewer: Giovanni Stellin

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General

This is a modified technique for cannulating the arterial site which has already been previously published. It is interesting that this technique can be applied before opening the sternum for minimizing the possible risk of sternum rientry.

The article is very wellwritten and I believe it can be accepted for publication as it is. My only remark is on the: Sano-Norwood operation which should be written instead Norwood-Sano operation.

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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)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

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.