Reviewer’s report

Title: Transapical cannulation for acute type A aortic dissection-How I do it

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Reviewer: Vipin Zamvar

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General:
Sosnowski and colleagues describe their way of performing transapical cannulation for Acute Type A Aortic Dissection.
This is not a new technique, first appearing the literature a few decades ago. This technique has been used sparingly over the years, and has never become popular, in that this has never been the first choice for arterial inflow cannulation.

Sosnowski et al describe all the steps of the procedure very clearly, and with the help of photographs. For the practising surgeon this will be very useful.

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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.