Reviewer’s report

Title: Methods of estimation of mitral valve regurgitation for the cardiac surgeon.

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Reviewer: Timothy Sakellaridis

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I have read with interest the article of Dr. Efstratios Apostolakis and Dr. Nikolaos Baikoussis. It is a detailed review in the existent methods of mitral valve regurgitation. It reveals colourfully the role of MRI, which is a "new" method of estimation. It will be helpfull to any cardiac surgeon involved with cardiac valve surgery and especially with mitral valve. However before the editors decide on accepting the article, there are some modifications that have to be done.

Major Compulsory Revisions: None

Minor Essential Revisions: The references that appear are not as cited in the text. They must be corrected.

Discretionary Revisions: None.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'