Reviewer’s report

Title: Sternal reentry in a patient with previous deep sternal wound infection managed with horizontal titanium plate fixation

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The authors are to be congratulated on this interesting case report and successful management.

The paper is well written, but just needs a few corrections for the English audience.

Case report, par.2, last line: suggest: "...finally chosen, as it was felt he was a good candidate for conventional surgery."

Par.3, 3rd line: suggest: "At the time of the avulsion, he was fully cannulated and never suffered any ischemia."

Par.3, 4th line: suggest: "... and the patient was discharged on post-op day five with normal ventricular function and a mean trans-aortic gradient of 12mm Hg and an effective valvular area of 1.8cm2."

Conclusion, last paragraph: suggest: "If the patient is in good condition, reoperation is feasible and sternal reentry can be done safely and with minimal risk even after sternal reconstruction with horizontal titanium plating."

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.