Reviewer’s report

Title: Carney-Complex: Multiple resections of recurrent cardiac myxoma

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The presented case report emphasizes the difficulties in the management of recurrent cardiac myxomas associated with Carney Complex, a rare and interesting aetiology of cardiac tumours. I must commend the authors on the successful management of a complex patient without incurring any morbidity. There are, however, some corrections that should be considered prior to publication:

Major compulsory Revision:
- The detail regarding the origin of the myxoma is not clear but you seem to suggest the roof of the left atrium with prolapse through the mitral valve on initial presentation.
- Surgical resection for recurrent atrial myxomas is no doubt not an easy task, for the reasons that you have outlined, could you please outline your pre- and intra-operative management in achieving safe sternal re-entry and cardiopulmonary bypass.
- From the last paragraph of the case report, it seems as if the patient was reoperated at a later date after resection of the Right atrial tumour, however, the was evidence of abnormalities on the left atrial side at time of Right atrial exploration. Why was re-exploration of the Left side not considered then?

Minor essential revisions:
There are grammatical errors especially within the case report section, that requires revision.
In addition minor spelling correction that is necessary.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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