Reviewer's report

Title: End stage ischaemic cardiomyopathy, ascending aortic aneurysm and aortic coarctation: Surgical treatment by a single stage repair

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This case report is nicely written and has a clear message and a special point of interesting technique. Briefly the authors demonstrated that heart transplantation associated with a short period of hypothermic circulatory arrest can be obtained with no severe neurological compromise. The technical point highlighted here is that the left lung can be removed into the empty pericardial cavity, giving access and space to repair the coarctation. I suggest publishing, if possible including the following point of criticism:

The only criticism is that there is no F/U regarding the thoracic aorta, both ascending, arch and descending. If authors could provide some information, the case report would have a greater value for the readers.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'