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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Reviewer: DIMITRIOS MIKROULIS

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The authors of this article report a case of a patient with an aortic coarctation, an ascending aortic aneurysm and end stage ischaemic cardiomyopathy. This is a rare complex pathology and therefore interesting for the readers of your journal.

1. Question:
Did you perform any examination to determine the viability of the myocardium? If an extensive portion of myocardium is viable, maybe an alternative technique, such as an hybrid revascularization +extra-anatomical operation, should be preferable, instead of transplantation. Please comment and complete this information in the text.

2. Complete the type of the incision in the page 3, before the findings at the operation of the recipient.

3. Page 5, line 1: correct the phrase " to exclude the need to clamp the aorta excluding the need to expose and then clamp the aorta"

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'