Reviewer’s report

Title: Is there an optimal minimally invasive technique for left anterior descending coronary artery bypass?

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In this manuscript the authors address an important question by comparing equivalent numbers of patients, operated by the same surgeon, between them. The paper is well written and very well structured. The available data is of importance and the discussion provides a good and balanced analysis of the advantages and inconveniences of each surgical approach.

I think that this paper despite the limitations of a non randomized data collection and a somehow biased selection of the patients concerning the applied surgical option, gives to the reader important elements for its clinical appreciation and decision making on which minimally invasive method to prefer. I would recommend the publication of the manuscript.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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' below.