Reviewer's report

Title: Intrapericardial Migration of Dislodged Sternal Struts as Late Complication of Open Pectus Excavatum Repairs

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This is a very interesting report describing a rare complication of steel strut dislodgement and migration into right ventricular outflow tract and left upper lobar bronchus in a patient status post Ravitch repait for pectus excavatum 37 years ago.

The report is very well written. Workup of the patient, and surgical treatment is clearly described. Discussion section goes over the previous literature about this matter, and emphasizes common points.

There are no major compulsory revisions / essential revisions needed. My only minor suggestion would be that authors should write postoperative day 13 instead of POD 13, or at least explain the abbreviation.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests