Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Eyes wide shut - unusual two stage repair of pectus excavatum and annuloaortic ectasia in a 37 year old marfan patient: Case report

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**Reviewer:** Alfred Kocher

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**Abstract:**
please include in the abstract the information on aortic regurgitation in addition to the anatomical description of the aortic root and ascending aorta.

**Background:**
I would prefer performance of EEG etc. over realization bizarre is not a good scientific term, please change to “unusual”

**Case presentation:**
1. paragraph, last line: add “..uneventful post-op course..”

**Discussion:**
the first paragraph is misleading. It is not clear whether the patient described in the case or a general scenario is discussed. Please clarify.

second paragraph: the discussed issue is wrong: “The following diagnosis of the annuloaortic dilation points out the importance of a thoroughly raised history and physical examination“

All that was required was a mindful and observand radiologist.

The reference to Figure 4 is wrong, it is not the pre op CT scan that is depicted in this figure.

**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:**
no competing interests