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Major Compulsory Revisions

Intra-aortic balloon pump: from the old trends and studies to the current "extended" indications of its use.

The authors use only six out of 36 references to cover the current indications of its use, which is the important aspect of their review. I think that they have to add more recent studies, at least 10 more to support their paper.

Discretionary Revisions

The authors in the introduction they quote that the complications are 6.5% and 2.1%.

It is worthy for us to give some more information about the decline of complications.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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'