Reviewer's report

Title: Coronary artery bypass grafting associated to aortic valve replacement in the elderly: survival and quality of life

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Discretionary Revisions

Dear colleagues, I have appreciated your paper, the originality is mainly related to choice of mechanical valve prosthesis in the age of population in the study (more than 70 years).

I would suggest to you to insert in the text a brief explanation of the reasons for implanting mechanical prosthesis in elderly people.

Current conventional wisdom dictates implantation of tissue valves in the elderly because they are believed to be at increased risk for anticoagulation-related complications and are at lower risk for structural valve deterioration with a tissue valve. I have noted the low rate of complications warfarin-related during the follow-up, probably due your efficient method of INR control and managing of warfarin.

My review is generally very supportive of message of the paper.

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 interest.