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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**Reviewer:** Giuseppe Santarpino

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In this study Vicchio and coll. analyze the impact on survival and quality of life of CABG associated to aortic valve replacement in the septuagenarians and octogenarians. This is a very interesting and well written report.

I would give only 3 comments:

1. In Introduction section there is the sentence “It has been demonstrated that isolated AVR can be performed with a low operative mortality rate in elderly patients, improves long-term survival and quality of life (QOL)” : in this regard cite the references.
2. Introduce a table with baseline patient characteristics.
3. Perioperative acute myocardial infarction occurred in 9 cases: specify and discuss how many patients were in Group A and how many patients in Group B.

In my opinion are only needed minor revision.

**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.