Reviewer’s report

Title: Midterm Results after Arterial Switch Operation for Transposition of the Great Arteries: A Single Centre Experience

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Popov et al. present an interesting and clinical relevant review of their experience with arterial switch operations for transposition of the great arteries. The morbidity and mortality was acceptable and goes along with the outcome of other centers.

With this study, the authors have addressed a topic of high actuality and clinical relevance. However, I have a couple of concerns:

- Page 1:
  Line 4: Please delete “AF"
  Line 11 and 12: Are there two anesthetic departments in Goettingen?
- Page 3, line 19: Is it really days or years?
- Page 4, line 8: 27% is not correct; it should be 19%, Please check all % numbers in the whole manuscript (e.g. Table 1: 19.23 instead of 26.9 %, etc.)
- Page 5, line 5-9: Please provide some literature for the reader.
- Page 8, line 1: What is the definition of “late complications” and “follow up” (table 5)
- Table 1- 5: Is it SD or SF?
- Table 3: Please change ITU into ICU

I would suggest creating a figure out of the tables. This would make the article additionally attractive.

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