Reviewer's report

Title: Ventricular Assist Device Outflow Graft in Congenitally Corrected Transposition of Great Arteries - A surgical challenge

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major revisions; pg 2, para 2; Do you have any data on prior exams re heart murmurs, chest films re heart size, ekgs re arrhythmia/heart block? Any evidence re when the TR developed? Any other factors re development of CHF such as heavy exercise program, change in diet, alcohol abuse, other drug use which might be associated with cardiac dysfunction? myocardial ischemia, hypertension, renal disease, myocarditis? These patients can provide data on what determines how long the systemic RV can last and what, if anything, can be done to prevent or delay this complication.

What can be done to minimize the possibility of getting into the graft on reoperation? What has been the result of putting down a teflon or other type of sheet between the graft and the sternum to decrease the chances of entering the graft on reopening the sternum?

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I have no competing interests.