Reviewer's report

Title: Transapical Extirpation of a Left Ventricular Thrombus in Takotsubo Cardiomyopathy

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Case report of surgical removal of left ventricular apical clot post Tako tsubo cardiomyopathy.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. English requires some editing.
2. Would be nice to have a picture of the removed clot and sutured ventricle if available.
3. BACKGROUND: Tako tsubo is not "rare".
4. CASE PRESENTATION: last word should be "uneventful".
5. COMMENTS: Tako tsubo is usually, but not always, a reversible "apical" wall motion abnormality. There are also several electrocardiographic presentations, commonly diffuse T wave inversions, for example.
6. COMMENTS (line 7 on page 4): The formation of thrombus does not "lead to" but can be a "consequence of" the conditions listed.

COMMENTS (line 3, page 5): "an aneurysm always occurs". Replace "always" with "can".

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:

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