Reviewer’s report

Title: Successful Staged Repair for a Rare Type of Truncus Arteriosus With Interruption of the Aorta and Abnormal Origin of the Left Coronary Artery

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Reviewer: Masamichi Ono

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Dear Editor

Thank you very much for this opportunity to review this manuscript by Uchita et al., which was submitted for publication in the journal.

This case report described the successful staged repair for a child with truncus arteriosus with IAA and coronary anomaly. I think this article is potentially acceptable to publish in the journal.

Our point-by-point review comments are as follows:

1. Background: The mortality of TA repair is not quite high nowadays. Presence of IAA and CA anomaly has been determined at risk: need references.
2. Case presentation: there is no description on the nature and function of truncal valves, neither preoperatively nor postoperatively.
3. Discussion: the authors performed corrective surgery 1 month after bilateral PAB. It seemed that if the patient’s haemodynamic were stabilized, the corrective operation could be performed several months after the PAB. Was there any reason to perform corrective operation 1 month after PAB, or it was strategically planned?

English should be refined.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

no