Reviewer’s report

Title: Transthoracic Minimal Invasive Closure of Ruptured Sinus of Valsalva Aneurysm

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Reviewer: Michael Rigby

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I have reviewed this paper which describes an alternative approach to repair of a ruptured sinus of valsava using a transthoracic minimally invasive hybrid approach.

Although the technique justifies reporting, figure 2 does not clearly show the closure device in position.

I have performed transcatheter closure of a ruptured sinus on several occasions but have always used an Amplatzer ASD occluder rather than a muscular VSD occluder. A discussion regarding the merits of the different closure devices is warranted.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests