Reviewer's report

Title: Predictors of Temporary Epicardial Pacing Wires Use After Valve Surgery

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Reviewer: Timothy Sakellaridis

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Dear authors,

I read with interest your article dealing with the issue of epicardial wires. It is true as you stated that there is a need of prospective trial in order to determine which patients will benefit more from temporary epicardial wire placement.

Major Compulsory Revisions: NONE

Minor Essential Revisions: First of all I find it hard to understand completely the methodology that you followed. In particular the division of the two groups where made based only on the surgeons' discretion? Why to exclude from the study operations on the tricuspid valve or redo operations, even though the cases as you state where few and may not alter the results? The time of permanent pacemaker implantation was in the 3rd postop day. What where the reasons that leaded you for a pacemaker implantation? The time of implantation isn't it a bit premature? There is a need of some language corrections

Discretionary Revisions: NONE

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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'