Reviewer's report

Title: Caseous calcification of the mitral annulus with mitral regurgitation and impairment of functional class: a case report.

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Reviewer: Sern Lim

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is an interesting report of an unusual/rare condition. It would be useful if the authors could provide possible differential diagnosis (abscess, tumours briefly mentioned by the authors) and how to differentiate it from these other possible diagnoses. Is echocardiography alone sufficient for the diagnosis?

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable