Reviewer’s report

Title: Medium-term outcomes of 78,808 patients after heart valve surgery in a middle-income country: a nationwide population-based study.

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Reviewer: Efstratios Charitos

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The authors did a great job addressing the comments of the reviewers. My only remark is that the title is misleading. Regardless of how big the cohort is maximum and median follow-up of 7.7 and 2.8 years, respectively is not "Long term" as the authors write. At the very best this is mid-term follow up.

I strongly suggest that the authors change this to better reflect reality. This is not a drawback to the study. It is just a matter of proper reporting.

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