Reviewer's report

Title: Left atrial enlargement and clinical considerations in patients with or without a residual interatrial shunt after closure of the left atrial appendage with the WATCHMANTM-Device

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Overall a good paper on the effects of LAA occlusion on LA volume. The authors can include more data on the effects of LAA ligation it causes in various surgical series and then compare. How about including parameters to evaluate LA mechanical function post LAA occlusion. The discussion part can be rewritten to include these factors and make it more systematic.

Recommend this paper after these minor corrections.

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