Reviewer’s report

Title: Diagnostic and Predictive Value of Speckle Tracking Echocardiography in Cardiac Sarcoidosis

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In a single center study, 2D echo strain using speckle tracking was done in patients with definite or probable cardiac sarcoidosis. 83 patients in the CS group and 97 patients in an age and sex matched control group were included. Authors concluded that GLS, inferoseptal, inferior and RV GLS are predictors of CS, and that a GLS less negative than -14 correlated with outcomes.

I reviewed the paper, the other 2 reviewers' comments and the rebuttal of the authors for these comments. I thought that the authors addressed the comments appropriately to the best of their ability. The manuscript is well written and will enrich this area of investigation. I have no further questions or recommendations for the authors.

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