Reviewer's report

Title: The Utility of Pocket-Sized Echocardiography to Assess Left Ventricular Systolic Function Prior to Permanent Pacemaker Implantation

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General comments:
The paper is interesting and could have some practical application. I have only few suggestions that can be considered by the authors in any revision to improve the manuscript.

Major comments:
I think that it's simplistic to limit the evaluation to ventricular function only, but the concept of triage in patients candidate to PPM should be extended to the evaluation of all the structural heart diseases. This concept should be further developed in the discussion section.

The statistical section is missing. In the new version of the work the authors should add this paragraph.

The discussion section is too long and need to be shortened focusing the attention on the results of the study and their practical application.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests