Reviewer’s report

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Major Compulsory Revisions: none

Minor Essential Revisions: Authors use both LCOS and LOS for low cardiac output syndrome—please use one or the other throughout the text.

Discretionary Revisions: in the warm blood cardioplegia group, cardio is often given down the vein grafts after completing the distal anastomosis; in the Del Nido group, cardioplegia was rarely given down the vein graft. Would the authors comment on why the change in practice, and the value of giving cardioplegia down the vein graft in the setting of acute MI.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.