Reviewer’s report

Title: Long-Term Survival after Mitral Valve Surgery for Post-Myocardial Infarction Papillary Muscle Rupture

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Minor Essential Revisions.
One of the main conclusions is that preservation of the subvalvular apparatus is a strong independent predictor of survival in patients undergoing mitral valve surgery for post-MI PMR.

However the authors do not report the reasons or indications for this technique. In other words, was this the choice of the surgeon and did his technique also differ in other ways. Or was the fact that the subvalvular apparatus was not preserved due to the fact that the PMR was complete?
Also it would be interesting if the authors could describe the technique of sparing of the subvalvular apparatus.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

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