Reviewer's report

Title: Circulatory Support Exceeding 5 Years with a Continuous-Flow Left Ventricular Assist Device for Advanced Heart Failure Patients

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Reviewer: Korah Oommen

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Very small case series of 4 demonstrating anecdotal evidence of >5yr survival of Heartmate 2 LVADs. Interesting but not groundbreaking and may add to the overall knowledge of Heartmate II LVADs.

What proportion of their overall experience did this group represent?

What are their FU and anticoagulation/ anti platelet protocols?

What was the incidence of embolic episodes, thrombosis, bleeding and infection in their overall experience?

What do they postulate are the reasons for the longer survival of this group or is it mere chance?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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