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Reviewer’s report Title: Early and Midterm Outcomes of the VSSR procedure with De Paulis valsalva graft: A single Chinese Hospital Center Experience in 38 patients
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Reviewer: Ruggero De Paulis
Reviewer’s report:

The authors report their initial experience of valve sparing procedure and evaluate their results. The question is not new but is well defined. In particular although the number of patients is not big enough, as compared to similar reports in the literature, is peculiar because almost half of the patients were acute dissection.

I have add some facts in the discussion section to focus on the Acute dissection patients.

Furthermore, it is stated that one patient was reoperated for bleeding but in the discussion is said differently.

Yes, it is my mistake, I have add the one case in the abstract.

The results as reported in the figures are misleading because the curves, both survival and residual AR go down to 0%. Similarly, in the results section is not clear if freedom from reoperation and freedom from valve replacement are just the same. This aspect should be clarified.

Yes, I have change the censor labels and the event labels, the survival line is correct.

It is erroneously said that the graft sinuses can not be adjusted

Yes, I have change my word.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

I have changed my English in this article. Thank you!

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

Declaration of competing interests: As the inventor of the graft used in this report, I receives royalties from the company.
Reviewer's report Title: Early and Midterm Outcomes of the VSSR procedure with De Paulis valsalva graft: A Chinese single-Center Experience in 38 patients
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Reviewer: Changqing Gao
Reviewer's report: Major corrections. This is a poorly written manuscript. Extensive correction and editing is required. The background information and objective of the study were obscure. The data were incomplete and confusing. The figures and tables are not professionally presented. And the written English is unacceptable for publication on this journal. Besides, the authors should describe their specific considerations for De Paulis valsalva graft replacement and increase the small number of cases.
I have changed my English in this article, thank you!
Level of interest: An article of limited interest
Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
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