Reviewer's report

**Title:** Surgical Repair of Inferior Sinus Venosus Defects: Clinical Performance of a Novel Approach with Unsnared Inferior Vena Cava

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**Reviewer:** duccio di carlo

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Your series of patients in such a short time interval is extraordinarily large. Please give details of your diagnostic policy. ECHO, MRI?

How many patients had a misdiagnosis in the same period? It would seem from the paper, that, except the first patient with accidental diversion of IVC blood to the LA, you have not have incorrect/incomplete diagnoses nor surgical complications.

Do you think that, in the presence of a correct preoperative diagnosis, a simple direct cannulation of the IVC after a small dissection, would provide a even clearer operative field? By this way of reasoning, your proposed technique may be useful if the preoperative assessment in incorrect or incomplete as a bail-out manoeuvre.

Please avoid the unusual term "imperfection", referred to a cardiac anomaly. In my view, this applies more conveniently to a human act, rather than the development of the human embryo.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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'