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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The authors present their approach to inferior sinus venosus defect in order to facilitate access to the lower part of the septum by unsnaring the IVC during attachment of the patch to the lower septal rim. This helps avoid any residual shunts and scaring of the IVC.

Although the description is interesting, it is nothing new to unsnare the VC to facilitate access to the lower limit of the ASD.

This short technical detail could be summarized to one page while the whole introduction, a substantial part of the § Patients and Results could be omitted without interfering with the message of the paper. There are quite a bit of superficial details which do not advance the science.

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

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

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

None