Reviewer’s report

Title: Ascending aortic aneurysm repair and surgical ablation for atrial fibrillation

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Overall this article has worth to publish because there has been no reports of aortic aneurysm surgery with surgical ablation and its excellent short and long-term survival rate in spite of extensive procedures.

Minor revisions:

page 2- "Results"
end of the paragraph, (log-rank test p=0.037) -> (p=0.037); because it was described at the part of "Statistical Methods".

page 4- "Surgical Approach"
the consequences of surgical procedure should be described more in detail. They should mention when cryoablation was done; before or after aortic surgical procedure, and when the ablation combined with aortic arch reconstruction?

page 9-
the first line;
3262 patients -> 3,262 patients, 2449 patients -> 2,449 patients,
the one line before last line;
multiple valve -> multiple valves.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.