Reviewer’s report

Title: A case report on epicardial ultrasonography of coronary anastomoses using a stabilizing device without the use of ultrasound gel

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The approach is interesting, but I think what is interesting here is the method and technique utilized. The case itself is of minimal interest. I would make some nice drawing showing how the device works. Maybe also a closeup of the device to clarify the function. Most people use Gel (although I believe that no gel is approved as indicated by the authors).

Questions

Is it possible to use the device with the heart in position after administration of protamine?

Are you combining the procedure with TTFM?

Is the device reusable or disposable?

Is the device commercially available? If it is owner/developer should be mentioned.

Is there any chance that the device could obstruct flow?

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