Reviewer’s report

Title: Health-related quality of life in adults undergoing transthoracic device closure of ventricular septal defect

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I do not think this article is of enough interest for publication in the journal. The main problem is that I do not find that the authors have used an appropriate control group. To use a group of "normal adults" as a control group for patients with VSD repair does not supply the reader with much information except that the results of repair is good and that patients have an improved SF 36 score compared to pre op. A control group may have health issues not discovered or investigated, while the VSD patients have been carefully screened preopatively and may not have other medical issues. That they are feeling better postoperatively may not be surprising and it would be interesting to see how they compared to patients who had been operated with CPB and cardiac arrest or alternatively if they were compared to patients who were treated with transcatheter technique.

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