**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Surgical treatment of mild to moderately dilated ascending aorta in bicuspid aortic valve aortopathy: The art of safety and simplicity

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This is an interesting manuscript dealing with wrapping up the ascending aorta with Dacron when replacing the aortic valve in patients with congenital aortic stenosis. The interest is due to the large number of patients, and the strategy the authors used to deal with these patients. They either replaced the ascending aorta or wrapped it up with Dacron from near ostia to the innominate artery. Results were similar. One assumes that this was done to leave the patient with his own aorta, rather than with an artificial material.

Comments:

1) considering their findings, are the authors now routinely wrapping the aorta in this population of patients?

2) It is very simple to replace the ascending aorta with Dacron once the valve is replaced, and there has to be compelling reasons why one would rather wrap the ascending aorta, the main reason perhaps being that these aorta are pretty normal, at least the endothelial surface.

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