Reviewer’s report

Title: Tracheo-innominate artery fistula with continuous bleeding successfully treated through the suprasternal approach: A case report

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Dear Authors,

I appreciated the reading of your interesting case reports about TIF in 2 patients treated with open repair without sternotomy.

In my opinion your paper would benefit of an accurate description of your technique in the methods section (especially of the approach, which is the novelty of your paper), with intraoperative pictures and also drawings if needed (preparation of the surgical field, position of the patient,...).

Moreover, a more extensive discussion about the choice of this approach should be added: how many TIF did you treat in your experience? In how many cases did you perform endovascular repair? Sternotomy? If so, did you experience some complications using endovascular approach/sternotomy? So this was the reason why you decided to change your approach.

Are there any factors/contraindications to take into account when choosing the suprasternal approach instead the traditional sternotomy (i.e. location of the TIF)? Any possible challenges (such as difficult control of the proximal part of the innominate artery)? Please discuss.

A language revision is needed before publication.

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