Reviewer's report

Title: Pseudo-aneurysm of the anterior tibial artery, a rare cause of ankle swelling following sports injury.

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Reviewer: Robert Lusby

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General
An interesting and noteworthy report

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

-------The percutaneous use of Thrombin needs further development. This is a contraversal approach and while a list of treatments is given no explanation for the Thrombin choice is made. The potential complication of distal embolisation and tissue loss is a major risk factor especially in a young athlete. In our country percutaneous Thrombin injection is not an approved use of the drug and while it is used at times there are serious medicolegal implications. Was informed concent obtained?

Ultrasound guided compression of false aneurysms is a common practice not mentioned in the list of options.

As the novel approach using thrombin did not work maybe the report could focus more on the shortcomings and risks of the treatments outlined.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

---I could not find the labels to the figures

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests