Reviewer's report

Title: Acute Retroperitoneal Bleeding due to Inferior Mesenteric Artery Aneurysm

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This is an interesting manuscript describing a very rare problem.

Major compulsory revision
1. It is difficult to figure out what was done in the repair of the inferior mesenteric artery aneurysm. I was able to figure it out with some review, however it should be explained in detail so the reader can understand it easily. For example, 'The aneurysm was excised. The normal proximal and distal ends of the inferior mesenteric artery were then mobilized. The artery was then reconnected in an end to end manner to re-establish flow.'

Minor Essential Revision
2. There are multiple spelling and grammatical errors in the manuscript. These must be corrected before the manuscript can be accepted. Unfortunately there are too many to mention.

3. The case presentation should say CT was performed in line 3. The size of the retroperitoneal hematoma should be stated(not just saying that it was huge.)

4. Sentence should be 'This produces localized areas high arterial pressure in an unadapted vessel that can lead to aneurysm formation and subsequently lead to rupture. This was the case in our patient.'

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests' below.