Reviewer's report

Title: Fanconi anaemia with bilateral diffuse pulmonary arterio venous fistulae: A case report

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The authors provide a thoughtfully prepared case report of a pulmonary vascular abnormality in an adolescent with Fanconi Anemia. The disease is rare and the complication rarer yet.

There are no major concerns with the manuscript, except the tendency to overstate conclusions. The proposed screening, rather than clinical symptom-oriented work-up would incur disproportionate expense. To what extent the AV fistula increases the “burden of anemia” is also difficult to quantify.

Rather, emphasis might be placed on the possibility of FA patients presenting with AV malformations –in the lung, or elsewhere- that could complicate treatment (hematopoietic stem cell transplant). In that particular context, screening might be indicated AND cost effective, as well as potentially life saving.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no conflict of interest.