Reviewer’s report

Title: An unusual case of thoracic outlet syndrome with cerebellar and cerebral infarctions

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This is an interesting case that describes a phenomenon that has previously been reported. Although I think it is worthwhile presenting this in a forum viewed by neurlogists (as opposed to strictly vascular surgeons) I do believe there are several controversial points in the management of this patient. First I believe that an occlusion of the subclavian artery in a young man should have been more thoroughly evaluated at initial presentation and not just treated with antiplatelet agents. Seciondly I thin that at the time of rib resection, arterial continuity should have been reestablished both to provide improved perfusion of the arm and to prevent possible further retrograde embolization.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests.