Reviewer’s report

Title: Ruptured hemiarch and descending thoracic aorta aneurysm: hybrid treatment

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MAJOR COMPULSORY REVISIONS
1. Why did you wait 30 months after the second CT angiography during follow up post procedure?
2. How did you manage with left subclavian and left common carotid artery coverage? Did you embolize or surgically ligate them? Try to explain further the surgical technique.

MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS
1. INTRODUCTION:
   a. “..has A high rate.”
2. CASE REPORT:
   a. “…revealing a rupture of an aneurysm of left aortic hemiarch MEASURING 8.8 cm..”
   b. “…The WAS NO NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT…”
3. DISCUSSION:
   a. “…UNTIL few years ago..”
   b. “..Recently, A hybrid treatment …”
   c. “.. based on a reduction of perioperative MORBIDITY..”
   d. “.. In emergency, we DID NOT have time to perform..”
   e. “..because in this case WE NEEDED TO EXLCUDE the sac…and PREVENT any neurological …”
4. CONCLUSION
   a. “In literature, we CAN NOT FIND a lot…”
   b. “… and there IS NOT a widespread use …”
   c. “… just a case report, DATA are still limited …”

DISCRETIONARY REVISIONS
1. Can you provide intraoperative pictures of the surgical procedure?
2. How long did the first operation take, since surgical operation until the end of endovascular procedure?
**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.