Reviewer's report

Title: Sphenopalatine-sphenopalatine anastomosis: a unique cause of intractable epistaxis, safely treated with microcatheter embolization: a case report.

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Reviewer: Sean Loughran

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Findings that shed new light on the possible pathogenesis of a disease or an adverse effect

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General
An interesting case study. Many cases of anastomosis between the internal and external carotid system have been described, as well as anastamoses between branches of the ipsilateral external carotid. A previous article has looked at the calibre of the maxillary artery and hypothesised that opening up of crossover channels occurs after ligation but has no convincing arteriography for this. Although it seems obvious that the crossover can occur this article is interesting in its illustration

Revisions necessary for publication

What next?: Accept

Quality of written English: Acceptable