Reviewer's report

Title: A peculiar hair-thread tourniquet injury to the penis: thread embedded into penile tissue over time; a case report.

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Reviewer: Brian Alverson

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

A good case report. A few minor considerations: First, you state in the beginning of the discussion that "Hair thread tourniquet syndrome usually occurs in infants and is presumed to be purely accidental."


You could argue it's usually accidental, but not "purely."

Second, while this is certainly a unique presentation for a penile tourniquet, it's not unusual for toe tourniquets to fibrose in this manner. What makes yours unique is the need for urethral reconstruction. You might mention that.

Also, a few minor grammatical errors were found through the manuscript which need to be corrected.
What next?: Accept after minor revisions

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