Reviewer's report

Title: Splenic infarction complicating percutaneous transluminal coeliac artery stenting for chronic mesenteric ischaemia: Case report

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Reviewer: Larry Brandt

Comments to authors:

I thought that the case report was worthy of publication, mainly to let the readers know the complications of this procedure. I had but a few comments and queries:

Case Presentation 1. detail the weight loss, how many pounds and from what to what 2. Clarify the sentence "No abdominal bruits or other signs were present" What other signs? Was there any tenderness or organomegaly? these are not signs. 3. Was a stool for occult blood done and what was the result? 4. Provide a bit more negative detail about the CT scan, at least to say there were no abnormalities of the hollow or solid viscera. 5. There are no lab data: CBC, albumin liver biochemical tests, coagulation profile. 6. How did the authors chose to stent the coeliac axis and not both the SMA and coeliac axis? This needs to be discussed. 7. State the manufacturer of the stent. 8. Why did the authors wait 48 hrs to do a CT in a patient who was having severe pain after an invasive procedure?. 9. When did the pain resolve (penultimate line of the paragraph before the discussion)

References- not recent enough. There are only 2 refs more recent than 2000

What next?: Revise and resubmit