Reviewer's report

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

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Reviewer: Pankaj Kaul

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

I congratulate the authors for a well presented and well researched case report, supported by some excellent pictures, of splenic infarction following coeliac artery stenting for chronic mesenteric ischaemia, presumably secondary to distal embolisation of calcific debris following the procedure.

This is an usual complication, but such complications related to distal embolisation are likely to be reported more frequently as percutaneous interventions become more common. Operators, therefore, need to be aware of this infrequent cause of sudden post procedure abdominal pain.

What next?: Accept

Quality of written English: Acceptable