Reviewer's report

Title: Rectus sheath haematoma or leaking aortic aneurysm - a diagnostic challenge: a case report

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Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: No

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

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:

Please provide both enhanced and nonenhanced CT image, since the enlarged right rectus muscle was not as a typical image of hematoma.

Please provide the CBC data, coagulation profile, and please include the differential on the WBC count.

Did the patient have recent trauma history?

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests