Reviewer's report

Title: Paradoxical embolism following thromboaspiration of arteriovenous fistula thrombosis

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Reviewer: Ingram Roberts

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

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?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

1. correct spellings of cerebral (NOT cerebrale), creatinine (NOT creatinin)

2. Doses of ATG, methylprednisolone, danaproid sodium, heparin and "anti-vitamin K" should be given

3. What do the authors mean by "anti-Vitamin K"? Is this Warfarin?

4. Recent case in JCMR 1: 104, 2007 by Guo, Roberts and Missri on paradoxical embolus should be included in the references and Discussion

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