Reviewer’s report

Title: Multiple emboli, multiple sites, multiple causes

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Reviewer: Libor Vítek

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?: No

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:

Dear Editor,

the case report by Drs. Iuliano et al. entitled “Multiple emboli, multiple sites, multiple causes” describes unusual manifestation of recurrent arterial emboli in a female patient with atrial fibrillation and genetic predisposition for thrombocytosis. The case report is very well documented with all modern and up-to-date diagnostic techniques as well as efficient therapeutic measures. In addition, all the aspects of the disease are discussed in detail providing important tool for physicians who might see similar patients. I only have a few minor comments which might be addressed.

1) Function of JAK2 gene should be mentioned to explain why its mutation leads to thrombocytosis. Also note that gene name should be written in italics.

2) The authors should also mention the rationale for use of hydroxyurea.
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests