Reviewer’s report

Title: Multiple emboli, multiple sites, multiple causes

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Reviewer: Gabriele Carmignani

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?: No

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:

This case looks very interesting to me. This because talks about a very frequent disease, the embolism, and explains very well all the possible causes and the difficult work to reach the diagnosis of a rare possible cause like this. I think that is very useful in the practical clinic the message to don’t stop to the first and most simple hypothesis (the atrial fibrillation in this case), but to investigate more (using imaging, search in gene mutations, etc..) and spend more energy to reach the most likely explanation.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests