Reviewer’s report

Title: Bilateral spontaneous non-traumatic rupture of the Achilles tendon - a case report.

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Reviewer: Darren Tay

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: New associations or variations in disease processes

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?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Formatting errors:
Stick to either Achilles tendon or tendo Achilles
General capitalization errors
Index abbreviations should be written in full
Identify precisely all drugs and chemicals used, including their generic names, their manufacturer’s name, city and country in parenthesis, doses, and routes of administration.
Do not begin sentences with a numerical figure. Numbers should be spelt out in words if they lead a sentence.
Clinical clarifications:
Did patient have any clinical evidence of chronic achilles tendinitis e.g. chronic pain, weakness or swelling that could have predisposed her for such an acute rupture shortly after the initiation of her medication.
Why was a duplex scan performed for her given that she did not have clinical evidence of a DVT?
What was the MRI assessment of the tendon quality adjacent to the tear?
Please explain the decision for conservative management of bilateral achilles tendon rupture.
Besides the AOFAS outcome scores and weight bearing status, please comment on her ambulatory status, need for walking aids, residual symptoms.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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