Reviewer's report

Title: Vegetation on the run: a case report

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Reviewer: christian C hasford

Which of the following 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:

when did the AVR happen; i did not understand why he was not elegible for PCI;
is the foreign body placement (stent) the issue but then he could still have dilatation only; as the case is hyperacute it is unlikely that there is aneurysmal dilatation in the vessel; can mycotic aneurysms be silent in the brain, how easily are they investigated (CT-A, MRI) to the allow to move onto thrombolysis.

what had been the time relationship for attempted dc cardioversion and the embolic event; is it wise to do this in a patient with valvular adhaesions? which bug was grown on pm

in short i think you make me aware of a potential clinical scenario but you do not much help me in your argument with decission making were i to come across a similar case; the argument needs better ventilation (pro/con/lack of evidence) i
could not see how the patient was helped by the movement to a specialist centre- though i do take the argument of surgery.

there are a number of printos which need correction, plus minus wrong words

thank you

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'