Reviewer's report

Title: Superior vena cava syndrome in a dialysis patient: a case report.

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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:

The authors present an interesting and clinically important report of a patient with long-standing terminal renal disease and symptomatic superior vena cava stenosis as dangerous complication. This case per se and the therapeutical approach using successful balloon angioplasty is extraordinarily well documented with instructive figures.

I clearly recommend publication of this case and have only two minor comments:

1) The authors report three previous transplantations but only two years (1976, 1977) - what is correct?

2) The authors should discuss whether shunt banding/shunt occlusion and dialysis via catheters or even HU transplantation would be helpful in cases with untreatable central vein stenosis.

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests