Reviewer’s report

Title: An unusual presentation of swollen arm: a case report

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Reviewer: Julie Hollberg

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?: 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:

Language suggestions to make the writing tighter:
Case presentation of abstract:
1. Change last lines to: ‘as well as subtle swelling of the affected limb. Initially misdiagnosed with medial epicondylitis, the patient was later diagnosed with subclavian thrombosis caused by Paget-Schröetter Syndrome.
2. Change in conclusion:
Subclavian thrombosis was a highly unexpected diagnosis in this case; however, family physicians must remain vigilant in considering rare causes of common clinical presentations which could cause patients significant morbidity if left undiagnosed.

Introduction
1. Change 'commonest' to most common
2. remove phrase 'so-called' and edit the this sentence: and so-called Paget-Schröetter Syndrome, or socalled “effort thrombosis”
3. Change: 'As with all deep vein thromboses (DVT), it can be fatal or debilitating if untreated' to Like lower extremity DVTs, upper extremity DVTs can be fatal or debilitating if untreated; important....

Discussion
1. Change Eighty per cent UEDEVt to 'The majority of UEDVTs (80%)
2. Remove phrase 'as with our patient'
3. In third paragraph of discussion, you have 'Page' instead of 'Paget'
4. Change She was motivated to continue with exercise, and we supported this decision once her INR became therapeutic. Her vascular surgeon supported this approach. TO 'She was motivated to continue with exercise, and all of her physicians supported this decision once her INR became therapeutic'

Other suggestions:
1. Add neuro exam of other arm to case presentation
2. Not clear to me how last sentence of the discussion relates to the rest of the paragraph; please connect better
3. Need to add sentence about what counseling you gave to patient regarding using other contraception while on warfarin and seeing her physician to transition lack to LMWH if she wanted to try to become pregnant

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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