Reviewer’s report

Title: Bradycardia meets arteriosclerosis: oliguric acute kidney injury as main symptom resolved by pacemaker implantation.

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

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?: No

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:

The authors have attempted to demonstrate the link between the treatment of heart block and improvement in kidney function.

Unfortunately I find the latter unconvincingly associated with the pacemaker insertion for the following reasons:

1. The cessation in oliguria seemed to occur prior to the insertion of pacemaker (table 1)
2. Improvement in creatinine level also seemed to have occurred prior to the pacemaker insertion
3. Unclear of the indication for so many antihypertensive drugs which may be nephrotoxic like ACE-I, spironolactone and diuretics in a patient with resolving
AKI

4. The language used need to be improved to ease understanding of the manuscript

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests