Reviewer’s report

Title: An unusual cause of delayed hematoma after carotid endarterectomy: A case report

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Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: The author reported an interesting case of a sudden neck hematoma following a carotid endarterectomy, happened on day 2 after surgery, related to disseminated intravascular coagulation attributed to a unknown prostate heteroplasmy with multiple bone metastases.

Without considering novelty, interest, or presentation quality, my overall impression about research quality is good, although some points may be better addressed.
As a case report, some longer follow-up should be reported with more information of medical therapy after the resolution of the event, and instrumental evaluations during the time.

Moreover, the take home message should be better clarified. I think that the point of interest of this paper is not the case itself, but the message that post-operative hematoma could happen later during the hospitalization and could be also related to tremendous situations as the CID, especially in oncologic patients (not only prostate cancer).

REQUESTED REVISIONS:
Follow-up data should be added. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION paragraphs should better highlight the concept of the fragility of oncologic patients who undergo surgery."

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