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Dear Editor,

We would like to submit the enclosed manuscript entitled "Spontaneous thoracic ventral spinal subdural hematoma mimicking a tumoral lesion: a case report", which we wish to be considered for publication as "Case Report" in your honored journal.

Spinal subdural hematoma (SSDH) is rare and can cause severe neurological symptoms. Except for those with coagulation dysfunction, patients who show signs of progressive neurological deficits, surgical intervention is the most common treatment and is believed to prevent further spinal injuries. This paper reported an unusual case of spontaneous thoracic SSDH, which was first suggested by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to be a tumor and, consequently, referred to our hospital and proved to be an idiopathic lesion according to intraoperative findings. Postoperative magnetic resonance angiography (MRA) and Digital Subtraction Angiography (DSA) showed no vascular malformation after operation. Relevant literatures on the etiology, clinical features, management and prognosis of this disease were also reviewed. Because idiopathic SSDH is even more rare than SSDH with undying etiologies, this report will advance our understandings towards this particular disease and be of particular interests to orthopedists and neurosurgeons who specialize in the spine surgery.

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Thank you very much for your attention and consideration.

Best regards,

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