Reviewer's report

Title: Urethral stricture secondary to self-instrumentation due to delusional parasitosis

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Reviewer: Yuko Smith

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Do you believe the case report is authentic?:

Yes

Do you have any ethical concerns?:

Yes

Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?:

Yes

Does the Introduction explain the relevance of the case to the medical literature?:

Yes

Does the article report relevant physical examination findings?: Yes

Does the article report important dates and times in this case?: Yes

Does the article report the diagnostic assessments?: Yes

Does the article report the types of intervention?: No

Does the article report a summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits?: No

Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the case presented?:

Yes

Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?: 
Was written informed consent to publish this case obtained?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:

yes

Additional comments to authors?:

In paragraph 7 of the Case presentation section a CT urethrogram is mentioned. This would be an unusual investigation for a urethral stricture - was it just a normal urethrogram? It is mentioned that it was a BXO-type stricture in the first paragraph - what is meant by this? To my understanding the histological appearances of BXO should be distinct from those of simple chronic inflammation.

Also in the second from last paragraph in this section lichen sclerosus is the same condition as BXO, not an additional differential

The images from this man's urethrogram/histology would be interesting for a urological audience. It would be useful to have an indication of why the patient is being planned for a urethrostomy rather than a urethroplasty or keeping an indwelling catheter. For a urological audience the full details of the mental state examination may be a little excessive and may benefit from being abbreviated

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests