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Title: Use of rivaroxaban in an elderly patient with intermediate-low early mortality risk due to pulmonary embolism: a case report

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Dear Professor Walker,

Please find enclosed a copy of the manuscript entitled “Use of rivaroxaban in an elderly patient with intermediate-low early mortality risk due to pulmonary embolism: a case report”, that we wish to submit to Journal of Medical Case Reports for publication as a case report.

Standard treatment for pulmonary embolism (PE) is anticoagulant therapy using heparin and a vitamin K antagonist. Findings from the EINSTEIN PE trial demonstrated that rivaroxaban (a factor Xa inhibitor) was as effective as standard therapy for the initial and long-term treatment of PE and had less bleeding complications. The present report describes the case of an 80-year-old Caucasian male with an intermediate-low early mortality risk of PE. The patient was successfully treated with rivaroxaban, administered as monotherapy. This is the first case report that specifically examines the therapeutic benefit of rivaroxaban to treat PE in an elderly patient.

Based on the clinical relevance of this topic, we feel that this case report would be suitable for publication in Journal of Medical Case Reports.

The manuscript, or part of it, neither has been published nor is currently under consideration for publication by any other journal. I declare that the co-authors and I have read the manuscript and approved its submission to Journal of Medical Case Reports.

Thank you for considering this manuscript. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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