Reviewer’s report

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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Reviewer: Rajesh Bhagat

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

Use of a new drug in Geriatric age group

Do you believe the case report is authentic?:

yes

Do you have any ethical concerns?:

none

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 patient information?: 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?: Yes

Does the article report a summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits?: Yes

If any information is missing from the reporting, please detail it here.:
YES – would like to know when the two arterial blood gases reported in the case report were done was patient on oxygen? How much oxygen the patient required?

**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?:**

YES – use of a new treatment in Geriatric age group

**Was written informed consent to publish this case obtained?:** Yes

**Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:**

The CT images need to be edited to take away the hospital information and other identifiers

**Additional comments to authors?:**

Revisions necessary for publication

1) The amount of oxygen the patient was on when the arterial blood gases were drawn need to be given.
2) The hospital identifiers and other identifiers from the image have to be removed.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare I have no competing interests