Reviewer’s report

Title: Calcification and abscess formation around the catheter tip of a central venous access port: a case report

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Reviewer: Benoit Blondeau

Reviewer's report:

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Yes

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- Medical, family and psychosocial history

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Comments:

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A few comments and questions:
- Page 3 line 62-63: the authors wrote "Abdominal computed tomography (CT) showed a CV port located subcutaneously in the left anterior chest". That must be Chest Computed tomography, as written in the abstract.
- Same comment line 72
- References 5 and 6 reveal some mistyping and grammatical errors

Based on the references offered to support the discussion, this condition does not seem to be that rare and the patho-physiology is not that clear.

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