Reviewer's report

**Title:** Successful Treatment of Novel H1N1 Influenza related Fulminant Myocarditis with Extracorporeal Life Support

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Improvement suggestions:

Authors should have the manuscript read and corrected by a colleague proficient in English before submission.

Authors didn’t provide any information about the respiratory status of their patient. What was the indication for ECMO as a primary choice of mechanical circulatory support in this patient with myocarditis? Author could provide information about the neurological outcome of this young female after the prolonged episode of hypotension and CPR.

There is a lot of published data about ECMO support in critically ill patients with H1N1 associated cardio-respiratory failure, however only limited data are available in population of ADULT patients with primary cardiac failure.

Authors should discuss and explain their primary choice of mechanical circulatory support in this patient, and the possible indications and advantages of such approach in this selected population of patients with influenza-myocarditis associated cardiogenic shock.

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

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited