Reviewer’s report

Title: Concealed Primary Aortic Sarcoma Provoked Hypertensive Encephalopathy due to Thoracic Aortic Occlusion: a case report

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Overall the case report by Choi and colleagues is well written and concise. There are however some remaining questions which need to be addressed:

1.) As the reported narrowing of the thoracic aorta is supposed to be the reason for the hypertensive encephalopathy are there any Doppler flow measurements from transeosophageal echocardiography which support the hypothesis? If there are such data it would be nice to provide some image material.

2.) Was an autopsy performed? If yes, was the initial diagnosis confirmed? If not, why wasn´t an autopsy performed?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests