Reviewer’s report

Title: Esophageal cancer presenting with atrial fibrillation: a case report

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Reviewer: Encoh Akowuah

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: None

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Thank you for an interesting report. This patient went into Atrial fibrillation and converted back to sinus rythym after 12 hours after treatment with diltiazema and metoprolol. The patient was hypertensive and an ex-smoker. He therefore has risk factors for ischaemic heart disease and hence AF.

If the report was one in which AF resolved after removal of the tumour and decompression of the esophagus, it would be more convincing.

Quality of written English: Acceptable