Reviewer's report

**Title:** Tomophobia, the phobic fear caused by an invasive medical procedure: an upcoming anxiety disorder: a case report.

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**Reviewer:** Raheel Khan

*Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?:* New associations or variations in disease processes

*Has the case been reported coherently?:* Yes

*Is the case report authentic?:* Yes

*Is the case report ethical?:* Yes

*Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?:* Yes

*Is this case worth reporting?:* Yes

*Is the case report persuasive?:* Yes

*Does the case report have explanatory value?:* Yes

*Does the case report have diagnostic value?:* Yes

*Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?:* Yes

*Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:* No

**Comments to authors:**

Overall a well presented case report. The one question I would have is in the case presentation, at the end of the first paragraph it's stated that the patient was admitted to an inpatient psych facility. Was his capacity ever in question due to the "emergent" nature of the procedure. If it was emergent why was he admitted to the psych facility and this procedure never done. Something about this should be mentioned.

Also there are several grammatical errors that need to be corrected, such as in the second to last sentence of the 3rd paragraph of the case presentation. The entire sentence needs to be restructured to make more sense. OAD and TAD should be completely written out and also in that same paragraph the "fear of dying" sentence is structurally confusing. In the first paragraph of the discussion
section the sentence that starts with "He rather described..." is a very long run-on sentence and grammatically confusing. Needs to be modified. Also, in the discussion section, the second paragraph last sentence that starts with "In addition Overbeek..." is structurally very confusing. Also immediately before that percentage values are give with no reference listed. But the sentence structure implies that those statistics are coming from a difference source than the reference listed at the end of the paragraph.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.