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: Gerhard Eschweiler

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: 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?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is an important case report as tomophobia is really a type of special phobia which is underreported and has high clinical impact. The relationship to blood-injection-type phobia is presented. There is a lack of diagnostic criteria in ICD 10 and a need for specific cognitive therapy strategies, to overcome this potential life threatening fear.

“Surgery” or “surgical operation” should be used instead of “operation” or “Chirurgic intervention”.

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests