Reviewer's report

Title: Emotional Stress as a Trigger of Myasthenic Crisis and Concomitant Takotsubo Cardiomyopathy: a Case Report

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Reviewer: Shoji Yokobori

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

If other, please specify:

none

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?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Dear authors

Your case report is well described about the rare case of TC which is concomitant with MC, and this report makes mention to the pathophysiology about these sickness.

I request you to correct and to clarify several points below.

Major Points
1. Please note the accurate criterion or guidelines for the diagnosis of TC for the leader to have great knowledge, and please read the following literature about guidelines in Japanese society of Cardiology.


2. Please clarify the difference of pathophysiology between your case and two reported cases in previous reports, and if you have laboratory data of catecholamine or hormonal examinations, describe them.

Minor points
1. page5(including title page), line3.
   Please spell out the abbreviations 'CMAP'
2. In reference 1. and 2.
   Correct the font of authors name and literature to fit as a whole.
3. In Fig.2
   Please clarify which picture of ventriculogram indicates the systolic or diastolic phase.

Thank you.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.