Reviewer's report

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

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: 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?: No

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:

The authors report a coincidence of two rare events - a myasthenia gravis crisis in combination with Takotsubo cardiomyopathy. However, neither the co-existence of the two diseases is new (Arai et al. 2004 A case of transient left ventricular ballooning (“Takotsubo”-shaped cardiomyopathy) developed during plasmapheresis for treatment of myasthenic crisis) nor the fact that emotional stress can precipitate both events. The case report does therefore not shed new light on either disease. I do not recommend publication.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests