Reviewer's report

Title: Severe psychogenic tremor of both wrists in a 13-year old girl treated successfully with a customized wrist brace: a case report

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Reviewer: Richard Rison

Which of the following 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?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: No

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 JMCR Editorial Team,

I have reviewed the manuscript entitled "Severe psychogenic tremor of both wrists in a 13-year old girl treated successfully with a customized wrist brace: a case report" by Elisabeth Sauerhoefer, Caroline Schaffthuber and Oliver Kratz. The authors present a case of a young woman with a psychogenic movement disorder who responded to cognitive behavioral therapy and a wrist brace. The discussion appropriately mentions the hazards of direct confrontation with these types of patients and that this may make the conversion disorder worse. The authors also correctly stated that CBT (cognitive behavioral therapy) is the proper approach in most of these patients. The case report is a bit long and could be more concisely
written. The JMCR template should be used for the entire manuscript (including the abstract section) for uniformity instead of listing separate sections such as the personal history, family history, etc. The classification scheme (i.e., "F44.5", etc--from the ICD-10 Dissociative and Conversion Disorders I believe), should be briefly explained. Some of the English is awkward (e.g., "...symptom-oriented cognitive-behavioral therapy is the right instrument to treat dissociative disorders efficient and lasting.") and there are punctuation errors (e.g., not putting a period at the end of the last sentence in the introduction). The JMCR referencing style also needs to be followed more closely (e.g., "[1,2]" rather than "[1][2]"). Although testing was done to rule out Wilson's Disease and/or any epileptiform activity, I did not see anywhere in the report that a simple TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone) was checked in this patient with a hyperkinetic movement disorder. Also, I was able to access and view the customized wrist splint but I was unable to access any of the videos.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.