Author's response to reviews

Title: Takayasu arteritis presenting with massive cerebral infarct in a 35-year-old female a case report

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Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear Editors:

We are submitting the manuscript entitled “Takayasu arteritis presenting with massive cerebral infarct in a 35-year-old female: a case report” for possible publication in Journal of Medicine Case Reports. Enclosed is a manuscript by Shan Gao, Ruilan Wang. No conflict of interest exits in the submission of this manuscript, and manuscript is approved by all authors for publication. The manuscript has not been published in whole or in part.

Journal of Medicine Case Reports is a very flexible journal. It actually includes case reports of all disciplines of medicine which would make a difference in future practice of medicine.

Massive cerebral infarct is a rare but devastating presentation of a rare disease, with only a handful of cases reported in our review of existing literature. And its management is completely different from other causes of cerebral infarcts. So we consider it worthwhile for more attention I hope this paper is suitable for Journal of Medicine Case Reports.

We deeply appreciate your consideration of our manuscript, and we look forward to receiving comments from the reviewers. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Thank you and best regards.

Sincerely yours,
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Point-by-point response to the concerns:

Reviewer's report

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Version: 2 Date: 21 March 2013

Reviewer: Bernhard Schaller

If other, please specify:

- The textbook knowledge should be omitted.
Answer: Amendment has been made according to your suggestion.

- The surgical treatment option should be discussed in relation to the current case. Please cite in this context the following paper (Neurol Neurochir Pol. 2007) and discuss the indication.
Answer: More articles have been read and comments added in our manuscripts. The article you suggested is in Polish so that we only reviewed the abstract instead of full text.

- The authors should better demonstrate what is really new in this case.
Answer: It is a rare but devastating presentation of a rare disease, with only a handful of cases reported in our review of existing literature. And its management is completely different from other causes of cerebral infarcts, so we consider it worthwhile for more attention.

Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Katsutoshi Takayama

Which of the following best describes what type of case report
I have reviewed Takayasu arteritis presenting with massive cerebral infarct in a 35-year-old female: a case report
I have four comments for this paper.
1) Authors should mention the etiology of cerebral infarction in this case.
   I think this case was cerebral infarction due to embolism from DWI findings.
   What was embolic source?
   Authors should address following paper in discussion and cite.
   Answer: The article has been read and comments added in our manuscript.
2) I think quality of Fig 4 is not enough. I cannot understand occlusion of right subclavian artery and narrowing of right internal carotid artery showed in the Fig4.DSA (not live image) should be changed. And I think the name and birthday of the patients included in the DSA image. Should be deleted
   Answer: The information about the patient has been removed from the image.
We appreciate your suggestion. The quality of the figure has been adjusted.

3) Authors should mention cerebral aneurysm rarely also occurred associated with Takayasu arteritis in discussion.

Authors should address following paper in discussion and cite.

Answer: We appreciate this suggestion and have read this article thoroughly.

4) Authors should mention how to manage to prevent cerebral infarction for the young patients are diagnosed Takayasu arteritis in discussion.

Answer: Early diagnosis and initiation of proper treatment to control the progress of Takayasu arteritis could be beneficial in preventing cerebral infarction, as discussed throughout the manuscript and stressed again at the end of discussion.

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

Answer: the manuscript has been adjusted by a native speaker.

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

Editor's comment
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Editor's comment:
The suggestion of the peer-reviewer are not ALL included. Please send once again to the authors with the request that ALL suggestions have to be included. The "book-chapter" phrases are still not omitted. This means also a shortening and focusing of the paper. The idea behind this suggestion was that it is easier to read afterwards. I see only one sentence in the introduction that is omitted now. In the current form, however, the case report is not publishable, even if the case itself would be worth to be published.

Answer: We have revised the manuscript based on your comments. Please see the manuscript for the details.