Reviewer's report

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

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Reviewer: Katsutoshi Takayama

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

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?: 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?: No

Comments to authors:

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.

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

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

Authors should address following paper in discussion and cite.


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

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.