Reviewer’s report

Title: Consensus-Based Clinical Case Report Guideline Development (CARE) guidelines

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Reviewer: Klaus Linde

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?: 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:

Guidelines for publishing case reports are of major importance. Overall the paper is well written and, in my opinion, could be published without modifications or with minor modifications. Yet, personally, I am slightly disappointed by the guidelines. They are very general - but, probably, this is unavoidable when case reports for medical, scientific and educational purposes are addressed together. The authors might consider whether they add a few phrases in the discussion on the question whether separate extensions are needed for the different purposes (in my view this is the case).

Very minor remarks:
- page 3: is reference 6 really demonstrating the growing number of articles?
- references: some titles use capitals, must don't.

Quality of written English: Acceptable