Reviewer's report

Title: Coronary Intervention for acute non ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction in a 51-year-old male patient with immune thrombocytopenic purpura: a case report

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Reviewer: Giuseppe Dattilo

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?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

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:

This case report by Prof. Bora Demircelik is focused on a patient with concomitant acute myocardial infarction and idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura. Despite the uncommon, but possible, situation, we found a good pharmacological approach to this patient. However from the description we find that the patient is a smoker and no more details are provided to include or exclude other risk factors. Also it is difficult for us to understand why the authors didn’t attempt radial approach in order to minimize the risk of bleeding. Conclusions are not exhaustive, not providing the final message they want to launch. My idea is that the case is only an association of circumstances not adding anything new: the patient received correctly an urgent angioplasty (it’s obvious that a such kind of patient should undergo to PCI). However there is no
description about the type of plaque (presence of thrombotic stratification or only a stenosing plaque?) which could making the case more interesting. In conclusion this case might be interesting if it were described in a more comprehensive way, focusing on its particularity and making better conclusions.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests' below