Reviewer's report

Title: Basal wall hypercontraction of Takotsubo cardiomyopathy in a patient who had been diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy: a case report

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Reviewer: Nirmanmoh Bhatia

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The authors should be congratulated for reporting a very rare and previously unreported case of Takotsubo cardiomyopathy in a patient with pre-existing idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy.

I have the following comments:

1. Page 4 Line 39: "Eft ventriculography" - should be read as "left ventriculography"

2. Page 5, Line 39: What do authors mean by "typical chest symptoms"?? there is no such standardized term in medicine, please re-word if they mean "typical symptoms of acute coronary syndrome or obstructive coronary disease or anginal chest pain"

3. How was this patient managed in the hospital for 15 days? Please briefly describe the hospital course.

4. Are videos available of the echos/angiograms? If yes and the journal permits, these would be very beneficial.

5. Was there a precipitating trigger/stressor for the takotsubo cardiomyopathy during the current admission?
6. At the time of discharge, did LV function return to normal or did it return to baseline (same as 1 year ago?) - are echo pictures available from that time (1 year ago)

7. In the table depicting laboratory values - were troponins measured serially? If yes, please add that to the table.

8. The anterior deep T wave inversions did not return to baseline (2.5 years ago) at the time of discharge - based on the ECG shown. Was another follow up ECG obtained? What are the authors thoughts on this finding - please describe in the discussion section briefly.

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