Reviewer's report

Title: Takotsubo cardiomyopathy in an adolescent affected by pancreatic adenocarcinoma

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The later version of this case report is improved significantly.
One shortcoming that remains is the fact the authors continue to suggest in the title and the text that this patient had a form of Takotsubo cardiomyopathy (apical ballooning) while the there were no ECG changes to suggest this. In addition, echocardiogram is not consistent with Takotsubo cardiomyopathy either. There is global hypokinesia but no apical akinesia or predominant apical involvement.

I suggest the authors change the term Takotsubo cardiomyopathy for transient global ventricular dysfunction in the title. In the discussion they may suggest that this transient form of ventricular dysfunction/cardiomyopathy mimics in certain ways Takotsubo cardiomyopathy because of the acute presentation with chest pain, some troponin release and complete recovery in follow up.

Please also note that the second video was corrupted so I could not view it.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.