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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

ESPS Manuscript NO: 8767 Comments for the authors The Authors describe the interesting case of patient with ALS patient who presented with negative T waves in precordial leads in the electrocardiogram mimicking myocardial ischaemia. From a neurological point of view, this Case Report addresses an important issue, supporting the impairment of cardiac autonomic control in patients with ALS. There are however, some major concerns: - The claims would be rendered much stronger if a baseline ECG would have been performed. It seem that the only previous ECG was performed 10 years before. This is a limit that should be discussed. Alternatively, a follow-up ECG should be shown, performed after the acute episode described. - In the reviewer's opinion, based on this single case-report and on the few cases described in the literature, the conclusion -last sentence- is not justified. - Other references should be added (Baltadzhieva et al., 2005; Funalot et al, 2008; Simizu T et al., 1994)



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Interesting case.



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This is a well-written, interesting case report with good images. I have no specific comments

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Minor comment: 1) The manuscript's written English is generally good. Consulting an English editor could improve it. 2) An EKG recorded prior to the ALS diagnosis would make your contention that the current tracing is ALS-related more convincing. Major comments: 1) Please provide a list of the patient's medications to exclude QT prolonging drugs. Amitriptyline, quinine and tizanidine are QT prolonging agents commonly used to treat ALS symptoms. 2) What was the etiology of the patient's chest pain? Cardiac Syndrome X is associated with ischemic ST changes. This entity has also been associated with autonomic abnormalities (adrenergic hyperactivity). 3) In view of the patient's hypertension history, it is important to specifically state whether left ventricular hypertrophy was present on echocardiography. 4) Please comment on any known evidence of ion channel dysfunction in ALS and whether the ECG changes seen could relate to similar ion channel abnormalities.

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It would be helpful to have patient's old EKG for comparison.