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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors present a clinical note reporting the case of a 72-year-old female who had suffered right-sided weakness and altered consciousness due to presumed ischemic stroke of embolic etiology, secondary to thrombosis of mechanical prosthetic cardiac valve. Subsequently the patient suffered intracerebral hemorrhage and passed away. This study is potentially interesting but the manuscript can be improved according to the following suggestions:

1. The onset of focal neurological symptoms should be clarified, e.g. after Valsalva maneuver?
2. In the neurological examination, it would be interesting to know the level of left brachio-crural hemiparesis: gravity could be overcome? There was a brachial predominance? Associated dysarthria? There was an homonymous hemianopsia?
3. It would be necessary to include data on speech disorders (dysarthria? aphasia?) and seizures in case description.
4. It would be interesting to know the result of the electrocardiogram. Was an ECG study conducted?
5. Authors must indicate the dose level of heparin administered and the duration of administration.
6. It is indispensable to provide data on the cerebral parenchymal topography of the ischemic stroke and of the



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intracerebral hemorrhage. 7. In the discussion section, authors should clearly reflect that a classic cardioembolic presentation includes sudden onset to maximal neurological deficit, Wernicke's aphasia or global aphasia without hemiparesis. In addition, lacunar clinical presentations, a lacunar infarct and multiple lacunar infarcts make cardioembolic origin unlikely (Expert Rev Neurother 2011; 9: 367-379). The inclusion and comment of this reference is recommended. 8. Bibliographical references should conform to the guidelines established in World J Clin Cases.



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I would like to mention the following comments: 1-Abstract is too short and it did not considered the case report. 2-It is not exactly clear why this patients was reported. 3- The text is very general. It should be more focused on the difference of reported case with other patients. Good Luck