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Search for the semi-muonic weak decay J/ψ to $D \mu \nu$

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Charmonium weak decay is allowed in the Standard Model but has never been observed. Using $(10087 \pm 44) \times 10^6$ J/ψ events collected with the BESIII detector at the BEPCII e^+e^- storage ring at the center-of-mass energy of $\sqrt{s} = 3.097$ GeV, we present a search for the charmonium rare semi-muonic decay $J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu$ and its charge conjugation (*c.c.*) mode. Since no significant signal above the background is observed, we set an upper limit of the branching fraction to be $\text{BF}(J/\psi \rightarrow D^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu + \text{c.c.}) < 5.6 \times 10^{-7}$ at a confidence level of 90%. This is the first search for the weak decay of charmonium with a muon in the final state and the measurement is compatible with the SM theoretical predictions.

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