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Search for the semi-muonic weak decay $\chi_{c0}/\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu + \chi_{c0}/\chi_{c1}$

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Charmonium weak decay is allowed in the Standard Model but has never been observed. Using $(10087 \pm 44) \times 10^6$ χ_{c0}/χ_{c1} events collected with the BESIII detector at the BEPCII $\mu^+\mu^-$ 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 $\chi_{c0}/\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu + \chi_{c0}/\chi_{c1}$ 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 $\text{BF}(\chi_{c0}/\chi_{c1} \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu + \chi_{c0}/\chi_{c1}) < 5.6 \times 10^{-7}$ 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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