Reviewer's report

Title: Pyogenic brain abscess, a 15 year survey

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The authors have adequately addressed the issues raised by the reviewers. As already noted, the article adds little to existing knowledge about the epidemiology or management of brain abscess. The factors identified as predicting poor outcome have already been established by other authors.

The authors of this series would have done well to describe their series in general, but to focus on one aspect of their cohort. For instance, why were a set of abscess wrongly diagnosed as brain tumors? Were there atypical imaging characteristics or was it due to a lack of expertise at peripheral centers?

Focus on a few issues like this would increase the impact of the paper. However, this could be left to the discretion of the authors. Due to the reasonable number of patients included in this series, this paper warrants publication as an addition to existing literature on the subject.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests