Reviewer’s report

Title: Spontaneous gram-negative bacillary meningitis in adult patients: characteristics and outcome.

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The aim of this study was to describe the characteristics of non-traumatic gram-negative bacillary meningitis (GNBM) in adults (N=40). In addition, the authors compared these patients with other CABM.

The patients and methods, as well as statistical analysis were correctly described and are appropriate.

The manuscript is well written and comprehensible.

However, I think that this article doesn’t merit publication in a medical journal.

The GNBM in adults is an extremely challenging neurological condition with well known prognostic factors. Also, the demographic and clinical features were previously well described.

The comparison between GNBM and other CABM is therefore unnecessary.

In conclusion, despite of interesting issue of this study, the results and discussion doesn’t substantially contribute to the existing knowledge.

I didn’t find this manuscript useful or interesting for reading.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests’.