Reviewer's report

Title: Usefulness of Multimodal MR Imaging in the Differential Diagnosis of HaNDL and Acute Ischemic Stroke

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This is a well-written, interesting manuscript.
I think there are some minor Essential Revision Comments to the author
1. 8. line: holocraneal x holocranial
2. How was the patient’s mental status? Was she drowsy, apathic or agitated?
3. It is stated in ICHD-II that; neuroimaging findings of HaNDL syndrome are thought to be normal. I think your finding is conflicting with this statement and it is very important. I think you have to highlight the finding more.
4. Swelling of the grey matter and cerebrospinal uid enhancement in the cortical sulci was shown in a patient by Yilmaz et al (Cephalalgia 2009). Did you notice similar findings on FLAIR images?
5. I think doing multimodal MRI scans for every patient suspected with hyper acute stroke is not feasible. As in this patient the diagnostic procedure was not finished during the therapeutic window (0-4.5 hours after the symptom onset). The accompanied headache and the gradual onset of neurological symptoms are the most important clues for the differential diagnosis of stroke and HANDLE syndrome.
6. I think, "The rarity of HANDLE syndrome is a chance for the neurologist not to face with a confusing scenario like this." A sentence like this can be added to discussion.