Author's response to reviews

Title: A massive calcification and ossification of the transverse sinus and neighboring dura mimicking meningioma

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Dear Editors and Reviewers,

Re: Manuscript reference No. 8545718159827155

We would like to resubmit a revised version of our manuscript “A massive calcification and ossification of the transverse sinus and neighboring dura mimicking meningioma”, which we hope suitable for publication as a case report in BMC Neurology.

The comments of the reviewers were highly insightful and enabled us to greatly improve the quality of our manuscript. In the following paragraph are our point-by-point responses to each of the comments of the reviewers.

Giant calcification and ossification of the transverse sinus is relatively rare, and the differential diagnosis may be difficult because of its rarity. Nevertheless, if the diagnosis of degenerative calcification and ossification could be considered preoperatively, conservative observation might have been an option for our reported case. However, if this case had not received the removal of his intracranial mass, a definite diagnosis would not have been acquired and the patient would probably always have an anxiety regarding his intracranial mass. We agree with Referee 1, Dr. Ooba’s comments “The value of this case report is its rarity, and the fact that it provides additional information about this rare entity”. We also agree with Referee 2, Dr. Chang’s comments that our article will be educational to some clinicians in neurological field.

In accordance with Dr. Chang’s suggestion, we had decreased the number of figures and images. The number of figures was decreased to four. Figure 1 and figure 2 were merged as one figure for
preoperative radiological images, and the number of preoperative images was decreased to 8. The number of postoperative images of Figure 4 was decreased to 3. And moreover, English revision by native speaker (British style) was performed. According to the native speaker, the word “giant” in the title and in the text was revised to “massive”. We hope that the revisions in the manuscript and our accompanying responses will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Neurology.

We shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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