Reviewer’s report

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

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Giant calcification and ossification of the transverse sinus is relatively rare, and the differential diagnosis may be difficult because of its rarity. However, the findings of very strong calcification without enhancement will suggest “the calcification and ossification of the dura” rather than meningioma. In addition, deformation is present only on the surface of the cerebellum, and the patient’s only symptom is intermittent episodes of mild headache without nausea or vomiting. The ICP may be normal, so the present case is asymptomatic and does not necessarily need an operation.

The value of this case report is its rarity, and the fact that it provides additional information about this rare entity. However, given its rarity, no changes in clinical practice are recommended in terms of imaging or other diagnostic strategies.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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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'