Reviewer’s report

Title: Large cell anaplastic medulloblastoma metastatic to the scalp: tumour and derived stem-like cells features

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This study represents a well documented, analyzed and discussed case history of an unusual MB which metastasized to the patient’s scalp. Of particular interest is the stem cell population that the authors describe. While experimental literature derived from mouse models suggests that the metastatic compartment of MBs comprises only a few cells within the tumor, this suggests that in human MBs aggressive cells may be much more common.

This reviewer suggest only 2 revisions prior to publication:

1. The discussion should emphasize to a greater degree the point made above—the divergence between the ease of aggressive cells isolated in this case and the experimental literature— it is an important and original point.
2. Although the English in this draft has already been edited, it remains a bit rough in places and would merit an additional edit.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests