Reviewer's report

Title: Porencephaly and psychosis: a case report and review of the literature

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This case report aims to present an unexpected association between a disease (porencephaly) and a psychiatric condition, characterized by psychotic symptoms.

Furthermore, it stresses the need for a change in diagnostic approach for patients presenting with psychotic symptomatology.

There are several revisions to be made in order to make it acceptable for publication.

Major Compulsory Revisions:

1. The quality of the English is poor. It needs a deep review in order to improve it.

2. The description of the clinical condition is too short, and lacks a lot of detailing. Mental health state should be described with much more detail, namely in which concerns the content of the delusional ideas, the occurrence of passivity phenomena, mood, etc.

3. Even if in a preliminary way, a DSM IV or ICD 10 diagnosis should be addressed by the authors.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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'