Reviewer's report

Title: Management of Giant Pseudomeningoceles after Spinal Surgery

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The results of this report are very good and understandable, but there is no new information about iatrogenic pseudomeningoceles in this study.

Comments are as follows;

Patients and Methods

P5, line 2
The authors should clarify the total number of cervical, thoracic and lumbar operations which was performed between October 2000 and March 2008, because the incidence of iatrogenic pseudomeningocele is discussed later.

P5, line 3
During the same period there was any pseudomeningocele, which size was smaller than 8cm in length or not? If there was, the authors should mention about the strategy for small pseudomeningoceles. Why the 8cm is the cutting point?

Results

P6, line 6-
The number of significant figures may be 2-digit numbers, so 73% is better than 72.8%.

P6, line 13
The authors primary repaired the dural teals in the last surgery or not?

Discussion

P9, line 2
The authors can not mention the post operative pseudomeningocele occurred more common in the lumbar region, because the incidence should be calculated from the whole population who had surgery.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the
statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'