Reviewer's report

Title: Pneumatized superior turbinate as a cause of headache

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Reviewer: david wexler

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General
This is an interesting report supporting the somewhat controversial concept of rhinogenic headache. It should help our neurology colleagues think of otolaryngologic evaluation for atypical or refractory cephalgias. Application of topical or local anesthetic as an office-test should be a most helpful indicator of surgical success. Since various cephalgias can have a broad differential diagnosis, patients suffering deep headaches of the severity described here may warrant formal neurologic evaluation and a brain imaging study prior to nasal surgery.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

I urge that the coronal sinus CT figure be reversed, so that the image has the patient's left side to the viewer's right -- this is how we normally view sinus scans and it will also then correspond directly to the anatomy displayed endoscopically in figure 2.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable