Reviewer's report

Title: Henoch-Schonlein purpura with intracerebral haemorrhage in an adult patient: a case report

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Reviewer: Rob R Parry

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is an interesting report describing a rare complication of Henoch Schonlein purpura that occurred following withdrawal of steroid therapy. It highlights the unusual complication of intracerebral haemorrhage with successful treatment. Given the relapse was associated with withdrawal of therapy it highlights the need that some patients will need more prolonged treatment—useful info given we have little in the way of RCTs to help guide therapy.

one typo- page 3 2nd para 5th sentence- ration should read ratio

What next?: Accept

Quality of written English: Acceptable