Reviewer's report

Title: Spontaneous acute subdural hematoma as an initial presentation of choriocarcinoma: A case report

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Reviewer: Pamela New

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 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?: Yes

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

Comments to authors:

This is a case report of a pt. who presented with a spontaneous subdural hematoma and was then found to have disseminated choriocarcinoma. No pathologic evidence was found in the CSF.

Under the "Case Presentation", place the first sentence of the first paragraph at the end of the paragraph to better connect to the second paragraph.

Please provide the entire CSF data for the pt. I could not locate the article by Kalafut et al., but there is some controversy over the "60:1" ratio of beta-HCG. Please discuss this more thoroughly. Also, with what chemotherapy was the pt. treated?

What next?: Revise and resubmit

Quality of written English: Acceptable