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 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?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

We appreciate your corrections and additions to the manuscript. It reads very well. Please correct sentence 2, in paragraph 2, p.4, to reflect the plural, in ... "(normal < 5 in nonpregnant patients)".

I still wonder if the presence of systemic blood in the CNS from such a large hemorrhage may contaminate the CSF, thus falsely increasing the level in CSF. One would need to do serial taps in order to see if the level would decrease spontaneously and thus increase the serum:CSF level before treating the pt., especially before XRT, as the blood should resorb. This could be checked over a several week period. Certainly if the level stayed the same or increased in CSF without further hemorrhage, this would be more indicative of CNS tumor.

You may or may not wish to comment on this in your discussion or conclusion. It may assist the next case in which clinicians read your article, and result in gathering this data.

Thank you for the corrections. This is a very good report.
What next?: Accept

Quality of written English: Acceptable