Reviewer's report

Title: Primary glioblastoma in the pineal region: a case report and review of the literature

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Reviewer: Richard Schmidt

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

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 diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

> Does the case report have explanatory value?
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> Possibly

> This is a well written and illustrated report of another case of glioblastoma of the pineal region. Currently there are only about 18 cases of this particular GBM variant in the literature, so that reporting of these cases is potentially justified. The recent literature suggests that this is a particularly aggressive type of GBM with worse prognosis than even more typical GBMs. This case follows that same pattern with a survival time of only 2 months with surgical resection. This report does not add much in the way of additional understanding of these lesions, other than perhaps to show that some sort of adjuvant treatment is necessary after surgery.
It also illustrates the tendency of these lesions to shed drop metastases into the ventricular system, which can be diagnostically significant. Overall this paper does not add any great new understanding of these lesions or cover any new therapeutic ground, but it adds to the reported body of this fairly rare tumor.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.