Reviewer's report

Title: Delayed treatment of Basilar Thrombosis in a patient with a Basilar Aneurysm: A Case Report

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Reviewer: Michael Wang

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Other

If other, please specify:

Successful treatment of a lethal disorder using a method that may have high theoretical risk in a specific patient group.

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 report describes successful treatment of basilar thrombosis, a frequently lethal disorder. The importance of this paper is that it describes successful use of tPA in a patient with an aneurysm. Many physicians have reservations in using thrombolysis with aneurysm patients; this paper may allay some of these fears and promote the use of tPA in basilar thrombosis. This patient would have likely died with this treatment. Overall, this is a paper of high interest and practical importance.

Consider changing "tetraplegia" to "quadraparesis," which may be more standard and reflect the fact that the patient did have strength. The strength rating of 2-/5 is probably not generally understood by all and may be better stated as 2/5.
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.