Reviewer's report

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

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**Reviewer:** Agnieszka Ardelt

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: 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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Thrombosis within an aneurysm and subsequent cerebral ischemia presumably due to distal embolization has been reported before, but no such case of acute basilar occlusion has been previously described.

The complex rationale and ethics of the decision to proceed to delayed intra-arterial thrombolysis in this case are addressed well. While the outcome in this case was good, decision-making in future cases of this kind will continue to be difficult due to paucity of data on this rare condition.

It would be important to mention whether the patient received anti-platelet medications prior to progression of the basilar clot. Additionally, it would be important to know whether the aneurysm was treated; the type of anti-thrombotic therapy used on discharge; and long term follow up information.
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests.