Reviewer's report

Title: Unusual presentation of Basilar artery stroke secondary to patent foramen ovale: a case report

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Reviewer: Herwig W Schuchlenz

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?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

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

Comments to authors:

General This is an interesting, comprehensive and well written case report. However there are some issues in the methods section that need to be revised.

Revisions necessary for publication

There are three treatment options in patients with a presumed paradoxical embolism and a PFO (ASS, oral anticoagulation or percutaneous device closure).

It should be emphasized that there is no consensus how to treat a cryptogenic stroke

It should be discussed why the interventional approach was chosen.

What next?: Accept after minor revisions
Quality of written English: Acceptable