Reviewer’s report

Title: Paroxysmal Autonomic Instability with Dystonia in a Patient with Tuberculous Meningitis: a case report

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Reviewer: S Srinivasan

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?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

1. I would suggest describing how you have confirmed the diagnosis of TB meningo-encephalitis. In view that the CSF picture was neutrophil predominant, initial CSF was clear, and CSF cultures and TB PCR were not highlighted.
2. Please indicate opening pressure of spinal tap, or other indications of presence of raised intracranial pressure as this may be the cause for his PAID>
3. Please correct grammatical and spelling errors eg. clonidine and bromocriptine.
4. Please highlight that there is paranchymal involvement, rather than just the leptomeninges.
5. it would be prudent to emphasize that the CSF involvement may have been
bacterial rather than tuberculous.