Reviewer's report

Title: A successfully treated case of herpes simplex encephalitis complicated by subarachnoid hemorrhage: a case report

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Reviewer: KIKUI SHOJI

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

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?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This paper was well written and interesting. Herpes simplex encephalitis (HSVE) is well known to cause intracranial hemorrhage but HSVE with subarachnoid hemorrhage is not quiet unknown and no reported. And authors mentioned the real-time PCR is positive during super-early phase with negative of intrathecal HSV antibodies. For practical neurologists, this finding is very important and safe anticoagulant treatment for severe hemoffhagic HSVE also. I strongly recommend that this paper will be acceped for your high quarity case journal.

Quality of written English: Acceptable