Reviewer's report

**Title:** Intracranial hypotension secondary to spinal arachnoid cyst rupture presenting with acute severe headache: A case report

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**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?:** Yes

**Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?:** No

**Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:** Yes

**Comments to authors:**

This is a good written and interesting case report that is - of course - worth to be published. The abstract, introduction and case report are good written and need no changes. The discussion needs some work and has to be focused only on these parts of the case report that are really new. I would suggest to cite the paper "J Trauma 2005; 59:1521-31" and discuss these different compartemnt of intracranial pressure in relation to the current case report. In addition the discussion has to be shortened.