Reviewer's report

Title: Addison's disease presenting as idiopathic intracranial hypertension

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Reviewer: SID S McNULTY

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?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: 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:

Has the case been reported coherently? -yes, but the language could be clearer

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?

- -yes, follow up of the patient on steroids and off acetazolamide

Does the case report have explanatory value?

- -Not absolutely convinced

An interesting case. The language of the whole report could be a little more tidy/scientific.

The biochemistry a little unusual - the sodium is down a little (c/w Addison's);
however, the potassium too is low pushing me away from the diagnosis. The short synthacthen test confirms the diagnosis, but again is a little unusual in as much as the 30 minute cortisol is less then the 0 minute.

I think the authors do well to high light the potential weakness with the case. I would be more convinced with a causative link if there were follow up of the patient on steroids and off acetazlamide. The conclusion of 'the need of considering IIIH as a manifestation of Addison's disease' may be a little strong

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

not really; however, i have worked with one of the authors in the past, and i do know one of the other authors in a semi-social way