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Dear editor:

Cover letter

I hereby certify that this work is original and has not been previously published, in part or whole, nor has it been simultaneously submitted elsewhere for review.

“Giant basilar aneurysm treated by sole-stenting technique: 10 years follow-up”

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Here is a point-by-point response to the concerns:

COMMENT 1

1. I would suggest to add a table with the clinical sings and symptoms (1) before treatment, (2) after treatment, (3) at admission and (4) at 10 years. If the authors have a clinical follow-up in the mean time please add it also.

A table 1 has been added.

COMMENT 2

The authors have to add the following references in their manuscript and to discuss in the discussion in 1-2 sentences:

Eur Neurol 2002; 47:175-82.

The quoted references had been added and are commented in the « discussion » section, lines 3-5.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Yours devotedly,
We are sure that no case of this kind has been reported in the literature, as in 1997 giant aneurysms were not stented. The thrombosis of such a giant lesion is also exceptional. The absence of intimal hyperplasia after 10 years of follow-up is also exceptional.

Yes, it can advance our knowledge by showing an example of good long-term tolerance of intracranial stenting.

Its interest is limited to neurological sciences. The behavior of extraneurological lesions cannot be inferred.