Reviewer's report

Title: Lateral Sacral Meningocele Presentation as a Gluteal Mass: a case report

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Which of the following 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?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The authors describe a case of lateral sacral meningocoele, which has not been extensively described in the literature. The case is of interest, and the take home message in the conclusion is important.

The main drawback to this case report is the writing style. There are multiple grammatical errors. The first line in the introduction was also the first line in the discussion! There are many interesting things to say about this topic, and redundancy of sentences is of no value at all.

Addition of a brief discussion on the differential diagnosis of sacral paravertebral masses would be useful for the reader.

Figure 3 needs to be reformatted. The images are not clear and they appear somewhat oblique.
Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited