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Huge extradural hematoma with mild symptoms in a patient with arachnoid cyst (Case report and review of the literature)

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1. In the abstract, the following sentence: "In this paper we report a patient with arachnoid cyst that developed extradural hematoma after a subtle head injury." should be:

"In this paper we report a patient with an arachnoid cyst who developed an extradural hematoma after a subtle head injury."

   • Done

2. Within the abstract the following sentence: "The patient was a 23 year old Iranian man who complained of diffuse progressive headache and vomiting after mild head trauma." should be:

"The patient was a 23-year-old Iranian man who complained of diffuse progressive headache and vomiting after mild head trauma."

   • Done

3. Please do not use abbreviations within the abstract. For example "CT" should be spelled out.

   • Done

4. Within the case presentation section, the following sentence: "The patient was a 23 year old Iranian worker who came to us and complained of diffuse headache and several bursts of vomiting on the day of presentation." should be:

"The patient was a 23-year-old Iranian worker who came to us and complained of diffuse headache and several bursts of vomiting on the day of presentation."

   • Done

5. For the sentence: "Routine laboratory tests including CBC and coagulative profile and serum electrolytes were within normal limits. Since the patient showed symptoms of increased intracranial pressure we decided to proceed with surgery." please define "CBC" before using the common abbreviation within the text and "intra cranial" should be "intracranial."

   • Done
6. Please keep the spelling of the word "postoperative" consistent. For example: "Postoperative course was excellent and uneventful. Post operative brain CT scan of the patient showed evacuation of the hematoma and decompression of the cyst and underlying brain parenchyma (Fig 2)." I would just use the same spelling throughout ("postoperative" is fine).

   - Done

7. "Since the Sylvian arachnoid cyst are more common in men [19, 20] and males are more prone to trauma, this male predominant presentation could be attributed to this fact." should be: "Since Sylvian arachnoid cysts are more common in men [19, 20] and males are more prone to trauma, this male predominant presentation could be attributed to this fact."

   - Done

8. "This can be attributed to this fact that arachnoid cysts are more prevalent in young age and trauma is also more prevalent in this age group [9]." should be: "This can be attributed to the fact that arachnoid cysts are more prevalent in young age and trauma is also more prevalent in this age group [9]."

   - Done

9. "Our patient had not skull fracture because he suffered from subtle head impact." should be: "Our patient had not suffered a skull fracture because he suffered from only a subtle head impact."

   - Done

10. "In all of the other cases the head injury was of mild degree and no linear fracture was detected [9, 10, 16-18] except in one case reported by Gallasi who had severe head trauma due to high velocity road traffic accident." should be: "In all of the other cases the head injury was of mild degree and no linear fracture was detected [9, 10, 16-18] except in one case reported by Gallasi who..."
had severe head trauma due to a high-velocity road traffic accident.

- Done

11. "Unlike the other cases his presented with coma and his brain CT scan showed skull fracture [10]." should be:

"Unlike the other cases, his presented with coma and his brain CT scan showed a skull fracture [10]."

- Done

12. "According to literature in large scale studies, the overall incidence of skull fracture ranged between 60-85% in traumatic epidural hematoma [21, 22]." should be:

"According to the literature in large scale studies, the overall incidence of skull fracture ranged between 60-85% in traumatic epidural hematoma [21, 22]."

- Done

13. "The density of hematoma in our patient was mixed with hyper dense and hypo dense components relative to the brain parenchyma." should be:

"The density of hematoma in our patient was mixed with hyperdense and hypodense components relative to the brain parenchyma." (there should not be a space separating the words).

- Done

14. "Sub acute, or type 2, EDH becomes homogeneously hyper attenuating as active bleeding ceases and organized clot forms." should be"

"Subacute, or type 2, EDH becomes homogeneously hyper attenuating as active bleeding ceases and organized clot forms."

- Done
15. The term "hyper attenuating" should be spelled "hyperattenuating" and the term "hypo-attenuating" should be "hypoattenuating".

- Done

16. "The period between the onset of injury and the time of performance of CT scan may vary considerably." should be:

"The period between the onset of injury and the time of performance of CT scan may vary considerably." (with a space between the words "CT" and "scan").

- Done

17. The terms "yahoo", "google", and "pubmed" should be "Yahoo!", "Google", and "Pubmed"

- Done

18. "...Alta Vista the shape of the head has not been considered in the papers [34-39]." should be:"...Alta Vista the shape of the head was not been considered in the papers [34-39]."

- Done

19. For the last sentence of the conclusion: "We also advocate that the abnormal shape and size of the head should be considered an indication for CT scan in patients with mild head injury even with subtle symptoms in emergency units." I recommend changing to the following:

"We also advocate that the abnormal shape and size of the head should be considered an indication for appropriate neuroimaging in patients with mild head injury even with subtle symptoms in emergency units."

- Done
20. Within the author's contribution section, the following: "A.S. analyzed and interpreted the patient data regarding the extradural hematoma in the patient with arachnoid cyst and performed the surgery. A S. S aided in the surgery, performed the review of literature and was a major contributor in writing the manuscript." should be:

"A.S. analyzed and interpreted the patient data regarding the extradural hematoma in the patient with the arachnoid cyst and performed the surgery. A S. S aided in the surgery, performed the literature review and was a major contributor in writing the manuscript."

• Done

21. Within the reference section:

"16. Mastronardi L, Nardi M, Puzzilli F. Pupillary enlargement caused by an acute extradural haematoma associated with a non-symptomatic arachnoid cyst, from compression of the optic rather than the oculomotor nerve. Br J Neurosurg (1999); 13(3):341-/2" should be:


AND:

"17. Molloy CJ, Jones NR, North JB. Arachnoid cyst presenting as an extradural haematoma. Br J Neurosurg (1991); 5(6):635_/7" should be:


AND:

"18. Kadiogly HH, Ozturk M, Aydin IH. Extradural hematoma complicating arachnoid cyst*/case report. Zbl Neurochir (1994); 55(3):172_/4" should be:

"18. Kadiogly HH, Ozturk M, Aydin IH. Extradural hematoma complicating arachnoid

AND:

"30. Aoki N, Sakai T. Intraoperative subdural hematoma in a patient with arachnoid cyst in the middle cranial fossa. Childs Nerv Syst (1990); 6:44-6" should be:


- All requested were performed.

22. Please have the authors double check all of their references and make sure that they comply with JMCR format. Also, JMCR usually allows a limit of no more than 15 references (and I believe up to 30 for reviews). Please have the authors see if they can therefore limit the number of references to 30.

- Since the paper contains literature review, we reduced the references to 30.

23. "Fig 2: Post operative brain CT scan of the patient after evacuation of the hematoma which showed decompression of the cyst and underlying brain parenchyma." should be: "Fig 2: Postoperative brain CT scan of the patient after evacuation of the hematoma which showed decompression of the cyst and underlying brain parenchyma.

- Done

24. Please consider changing the title to the following: "Minimally symptomatic large extradural hematoma and an arachnoid cyst: a case report."

- We changed the title
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